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The proposal for an investment bank is not expected to figure in that speech and whether the left has misread the situation and is overreacting remains to be seen. There is little doubt that the left is more than suspicious of the intentions, and consequently there has been hectic canvassing taking place in the week since the election.

The *Tribune* Group of left-wing MPs called an unscheduled meeting on Wednesday night, at which Mr Ian Mikardo, left-wing chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, was present. The first full meeting of the parliamentary party is to be held next Tuesday, when the matter is expected to be raised.

It is also likely that clarification will be sought at a meeting of the party's national executive committee next Wednesday when several Cabinet ministers, including Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, and Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, are expected to be present. There is also the potential threat of an argument developing at the party's annual conference, which is to take place at the end of November.

MP's letter: In a letter to *The Times* published today, seven Labour MPs, including Mr Mikardo and Mr Norman Atkinson, say that a massive and unconditional public subsidy for the private sector of industry would be critically damaging to Britain's economic prospects.

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Moderation call on pay by Mr Jack Jones

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Britain faces a very grave economic crisis, and trade unionists should not pursue wage claims that might force firms out of business, Mr Jack Jones, leader of the country's biggest union, said yesterday.

Making his first public appeal to trade union activists since the election, the general secretary of the 1,800,000-strong Transport and General Workers' Union urged moderation in wage bargaining and said that unspecified austerity measures might be on the way.

"It is simply no use pressing actions that lead to the closure of firms we work for", Mr Jones told his union's Scottish conference in Motherwell. "A wonderful wage agreement is of no value if the firm with whom we have negotiated the agreement does not employ people any more."

The Government's overall strategy on inflation, taking into account rents, rates and prices was as important as wage claims, and the chief objective of negotiators should be to increase the value of the pay packet by cooperating with the social contract.

Mr Jones called on employers in their own interests to provide full information about their financial and economic circumstances to union officials and shop stewards. "We can then negotiate on the facts of the case."

Coming from a leading architect of the social contract between the TUC and the Government, and delivered in the most strike-troubled region of Britain, Mr Jones's speech takes on an added political significance. It is certainly the most important speech from a trade union leader since the election. He took (for him) the unusual step of circulating the text of his remarks to the press several days before they were delivered, indicating that his remarks are intended to reach home to all trade unionists.

He opened his speech by saying: "The economic crisis facing Britain is very grave indeed, and this was stressed by every Labour spokesman in the recent general election. The new Labour Government and the unions acting together must do everything possible to avoid a disproportionate share of the economic burdens being placed upon the shoulders of working people and their families. The growth of unemployment is the main danger, and we in the unions must play our part in fighting it."

After making his point about "wonderful but valueless" pay deals, he urged on his audience: "If there is a failure to agree with an employer, I urge shop stewards and officials not to hesitate in trying to involve the new conciliation and arbitration service. It is an independent instrument and definitely not a government agency.

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Mr Ford discussed Nixon pardon but he denies any deal

From Fred Emery
Washington, Oct 17

President Ford today went before a congressional committee and admitted officially discussing the "option" of a pardon for Mr Nixon before he resigned. However, Mr Ford insisted, "there was no deal. Period."

This denial of any prior commitments attaching to the pardon granted on September 8, he declared, went for himself and Mr Nixon, for himself and Mr Nixon's representatives, and, so far as he knew, for his own and Mr Nixon's representatives.

Mr Ford's admission was the principal development in this first documented appearance of a President before congressional interrogators. He reiterated forcefully his principal justification, that he had meant not just to spare Mr Nixon, but to shift the country's attention "from a fallen President to the pursuit of the urgent needs of a rising nation".

His historic appearance today was witness to his failure so far to achieve anything but the opposite and the need, as he put it, "to clear the air".

Further, his diclosures are bound to raise new questions, and Mr Ford was clearly discomfited by a new challenge from the radical young New York Democrat, Representative Elizabeth Holtzman, to hand over to the committee all tapes of conversations between himself and Mr Nixon. This would allay "dark suspicions" that the pardon and the tapes agreement were interconnected.

Mr Ford demurred, argued that the tapes were Mr Nixon's property, but failed to answer.

Mr Nixon announced that his White House taping system was suspended in July, 1973. If true, —and it has never been challenged—the only possible tapes bearing on Mr Ford's conversations would be as congressman, long before Mr Agnew's disgrace and his selection for Vice-President was even contemplated. This point escaped Mr Ford's notice as well as Miss Holtzman's.

Mr Ford, who until August 4 in New Orleans, was still standing by Mr Nixon, stating his preference, if forced, for a censure vote rather than impeachment, now disclosed in a prepared statement that he had been apprised of the worst on August 1.

It thus took, by this account, seven days to get Mr Nixon to surrender to the evidence of his self-destruction.

On August 1, President Ford said, General Alexander Haig, Mr Nixon's chief of staff, came to him twice. There was "damage" on the tapes which the Supreme Court had ordered Mr Nixon to surrender to the Watergate trial.

At the second meeting, General Haig had heard of what was actually on the tapes. It was "devastating even catastrophic" for Mr Nixon, Mr Ford said. General Haig wanted to know whether Mr Ford was "prepared to assume the presidency in a very short time". Would he also be willing to "make recommendations to the President as to what course he should now follow".

The phrase, suggesting that General Haig was fishing for something, left Mr Ford determined not to take the bait.

Mr Ford said even now he could not adequately express "how shocked and stunned I was by this unbelievable revelation" from General Haig.

The prospect of imminent succession to the presidency and the fact that he had consistently believed and proclaimed Mr Nixon to be innocent of an impeachable offence, led him to refrain, and continue refraining from any recommendations whatever to the President.

Mr Ford insisted, as he had done for the previous year, that he could not "publicly or privately" recommend anything that might promote his elevation. It also led him, he admitted, to lie to the public on speaking appearances he made in Mississippi and Louisiana the next weekend.

To have suddenly switched from his public profession of faith in Mr Nixon, he argued, "would lead in the press to conclusions that I now wanted to see the President resign to avoid an impeachment vote".

More likely, in fact, it would have led to the truth that Mr Ford knew something the rest of the country did not. Thus, in spite of his new knowledge "I remained firm in my answers to press questions during my trip and repeated my belief in the President's innocence of an impeachable offence".

Mr Ford said he no longer believed that and twice using "shame and disgrace" to describe Mr Nixon's departure, he suggested that Mr Nixon's acceptance of a pardon was "tantamount" to admission of guilt.

At the critical encounter on August 1 with General Haig Mr Ford insisted that "nearly the entire meeting covered other subjects" than the pardon "options". General Haig admitted there was division in the White House whether Mr Nixon should resign. But in "reviewing" resignation, Mr Ford said, General Haig put forward these pardon "options".

The question of whether the President could pardon himself; pardoning various Watergate defendants, then himself, followed by resignation; and a pardon to the President, should he resign.

Mr Ford insisted that General Haig made no recommendations. But he admitted himself inquiring of General Haig "what was the President's pardon power?" General Haig replied without venturing to be an authority, that a President had the power to pardon even before criminal proceedings were begun against an individual.

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President Ford takes the witness stand in his historic appearance yesterday before the House judiciary subcommittee.

Britain prefers EEC sugar to Australian

From David Cross
Brussels, Oct 17

The British Government has decided to opt for a cheap sugar deal with the European Community in preference to a more expensive arrangement with the Australians. The sugar provided under the Community scheme would cost about £130 a ton, compared with an offered Australian price of about £180.

If the EEC deal goes ahead, as is confidently expected by farm officials in Brussels, it will give a significant fillip to arguments of pro-Marketeers in Britain. They will be able to demonstrate clearly that EEC membership can work to the financial advantage of the British housewife.

The Community's offer will be discussed by EEC ministers of agriculture at one of their regular sessions in Luxembourg on Monday. Its final acceptance requires the approval of all nine member states, but to date no great objections have been raised by those countries most likely to have reservations, the money-conscious West Germans and the French.

The European Commission, the original proponent of the scheme, has calculated that it would cost the Community about £18m to run. This is based on a sugar shortfall of 300,000 tons in Britain this winter, although British estimates put the shortage at [illegible] to 500,000 tons.

Under the scheme Community importers w[illegible] buy sugar on the world ma[illegible] and sell it at considerably reduced prices to British refiners.

The difference between the high price they would have to pay (probably about £400 a ton) and the guaranteed price paid to Community sugar producers (£130 a ton) would be bridged by a subsidy paid out of Community funds. But part of the cost would be offset by a complicated system of buying at spot prices and selling on the futures market.

Hugh Clayton writes: Sugar refinery workers called on the Government yesterday to press the EEC to allow almost two million tons of raw Commonwealth sugar to be sent to Britain next year.

Mr John Edmunds, national officer of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said after a meeting with Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, that a lower amount would not satisfy demand.

Mr Heath is ready to meet MPs

By Our Political Staff

Mr Heath yesterday announced his readiness to meet his backbenchers in the new Parliament. In a letter to Mr du Cann, chairman of the 1922 Committee, he said that he would look forward to a meeting with the executive and, if invited, the committee as a whole, once elections to the executive had taken place.

The effect of that is both to challenge the standing of the old executive and to postpone the occasion for Mr Heath's meeting with his backbenchers rather longer than some of them would have wished.

They would have liked him to appear at the first meeting of the 1922 Committee in the new Parliament on October 31.

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Mrs Rockefeller has breast operation

From Peter Stratford
New York, Oct 17

Mr Nelson Rockefeller announced today that his wife "Happy" had had an operation this morning for the removal of a breast. Cancer had been found in a check-up prompted by the similar operation on Mrs Betty Ford, the President's wife.

"I'm confident that it's going to come out", Mr Rockefeller told reporters. "All I can say is 'Thank God' that she got in and that this country has such wonderful doctors."

The operation took three and a half hours. Afterwards, Dr Jerome Urban, the surgeon, told reporters that Mrs Rockefeller had "recuperated fantastically rapidly". She was in good spirits and "her chances are excellent".

Mr Rockefeller opened his press conference by saying: "You won't believe what I'm going to tell you." Mrs Rockefeller had discovered a lump in her breast last Friday, and there were three small nodules. He thought his wife had been more conscious of the danger of breast cancer since Mrs Ford's operation.

He added that his wife was "very strong, very healthy". The doctors had told him that the chances of recovery were 90 per cent if the lymph nodes were not involved, and 70 per cent if they were. In fact they were not.

Mr and Mrs Rockefeller married in 1963. It was his second marriage, and he came under criticism at the time for his divorce and remarriage. His wife is now 48.

The news of Mrs Rockefeller's operation came as Mr Rockefeller's nomination as Vice President has been running into difficulties in Congress.

r Buchan resigns as minister

Political Staff

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Mr Buchan: "Disagreement over policy and control."

Behind the statement lies a difference of opinion over departmental policies between Mr Buchan and Mr Peart, the Minister of Agriculture. There has been an underlying tension between them for some time and it appears that Mr Buchan has lost the argument.

Mr Buchan's primary cause of complaint is his belief that the food pricing control should be returned to the Ministry of Agriculture and not be with the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, created by Mr Wilson when Labour came to power in March this year. Mr Buchan wanted the ministry to be responsible for developing a proper food procurement policy.

When Mr Buchan was opposition spokesman on agriculture in 1973-74, food-price control came within his shadow responsibilities and he was opposed to its removal from the ministry when he became minister of state.

A left-winger, Mr Buchan, is a known opponent of Britain's membership of the European Economic Community and, although he has rejected suggestions that his resignation is over the pay negotiations, it is known that he has not been entirely happy at the development of the renegotiation of the common agricultural policy.

Healey pledge on jobless

Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, last night again rejected high unemployment as a policy for curing inflation. He was speaking at the annual Lord Mayor's banquet for bankers and merchants of the City of London.

He said: "I simply cannot understand how it can make economic sense, to dole out some £900m a year in unemployment pay, redundancy pay and supplementary benefit to keep a million active men and women idle when the nation needs the goods they could produce."

Mr Healey hinted that his objective was to achieve a growth level of about 3 per cent.

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British Caledonian, the independent "second force" airline set up in 1970 with the backing of the Conservative Government, is to cut its work force by about 14.5 per cent. It will also suspend several services, including operations on the fiercely competitive North Atlantic routes.

This substantial cutback, which British Caledonian blames on "massive cost increases and traffic fall-off", will mean the loss of 827 jobs, 202 of them overseas.

Union response was immediate. Pointing out that British Caledonian's redundancy plans come in the wake of the Court Line collapse, Mr John Cousins, aviation national secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, demanded that the new Labour Government should take immediate steps to nationalize British Caledonian. Union efforts to avoid the redundancies had apparently broken down.

Last night British Caledonian officials were emphasizing that the measures were intended to restore the company's profitability and underwrite its long-term future. Mr John de la Haye, deputy managing director, said there was no question of the company's going into liquidation. There were ample cash facilities available for it to meet the cost of the plans announced yesterday, and the company's bankers, Lloyds, Royal Bank of Scotland and Standard and Chartered, were giving full support.

Both British Caledonian's bankers and its shareholders, the largest of whom is Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation with 47 per cent of the capital, have been fully informed of the measures being taken.

The airline was formed in 1970 by the merger of Caledonian Airways and British United Airways.

In its first operational year British Caledonian earned a profit of £1.9m. Since then, reflecting a heavy investment and expansion programme, there have been losses. In 1972-73 the carrier lost £1.5m, and in late 1973, strongly denying serious financial problems, it went to its shareholders for additional equity capital and loans totalling £7m. Then it was budgeting for a further loss of some £1.5m in 1973-74, but it is now admitted that that forecast has been exceeded.

However, the cuts announced yesterday reflect forecasts for 1974-75. Without retrenchment the company would be facing a very substantial loss, Mr de la Haye said.

Explaining the cost increases that have hit operations recently, British Caledonian says its fuel bill has increased by £10m in the past 18 months. That is additional to other increased charges such as airport and navigational fees.

It is clear, too, that British Caledonian, in common with other carriers, has been badly hurt on the North Atlantic. It is now suspending from November 1 the scheduled services to New York and Los Angeles which it introduced as recently as April, 1973. But it will increase its advance-booking charter business on the North Atlantic next year.

In Europe, while a cautious reentry into the inclusive tour market is planned, scheduled services to three points in Spain, to Gibraltar, Tunis, Belfast, Copenhagen and Southampton are being suspended

Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia.

Richard Burton to marry

Mr Richard Burton, the actor, who is 48, is to marry "as soon as practicably possible" Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia, aged 37, a first cousin of Princess Alexandra.

The romance has led the Yugoslav princess's husband, Mr Neil Balfour, to offer to resign as prospective Conservative candidate for Hayes and Harlington. He was defeated in last week's election.

Mr Burton and the princess are leaving for Switzerland today. They lunched with Princess Alexandra on Wednesday.

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Labour MPs call for a parliament in Scotland by 1976

From Tim Jones
Edinburgh

The Scottish Labour Party's parliamentary group has asked Mr Wilson *to include proposals* for a Scottish assembly in the Queen's Speech next week. Mr Harry Ewing, secretary of the group, said yesterday: "I think we would be as well to begin calling it a Scottish Parliament."

Mr Tam Dalyell, chairman of the group, said there was complete *unity among the Scottish* Labour MPs in their support for devolution. They are expecting legislation to be introduced in the first session of the new Parliament, which would enable an elected assembly to begin business in two years' time. Mr Dalyell said he thought that a Scottish assembly would be in operation by the autumn of 1976.

The group has also asked Mr Wilson to appoint a minister at the Scottish Office with specific responsibility for devolution.

Mr Ewing *made it clear that* the group expected firm legislation and not further proposals for consideration and discussion. They thought enough discussion had taken place to allow firm proposals to be made.

Some members of the group believe that the party in Scotland has failed to get across the full consequences of separation as envisaged by the SNP and consider that a decision-making elected assembly would go a long way in helping to avoid the break up of the United Kingdom.

Political observers see the total commitment for devolution as a realistic assessment of the changing mood of the Scottish people. Mr Ewing said: "While we have done very well, it cannot be assumed that we have been given carte blanche to carry on as we did before. There was an indication in the *vote for the Labour Party that* people wanted to change."

In committing itself so wholeheartedly to devolution, the party is assuming a more "Scottish air" and may expect to become even more involved in issues peculiar to the country. The group intends to meet on a regular basis in Glasgow to strengthen its relationship with members and local party workers.

The Scottish Liberal Party also made it clear yesterday that it has sent its proposals for a Scottish Parliament of 212 MPs elected by a single transferable vote to the Secretary of State for Scotland and to Lord Crowther-Hunt, the goverment adviser on devolution.

In Edinburgh, the executive committee of the 1320 Club, an *independent nationalist group*, said they had written to Mr Wilson asking him to give with*out delay a firm date for the* introduction of legislation for setting up an elected Scots parliament.

Our Political Staff writes: It will clearly be difficult for the Government to meet the suggested timetable, although there will be considerable political pressure to do so. The Scottish *Nationalists did* not take any seats from Labour in the election, but they are now strong challengers in so many Labour seats that a good number of Scottish Labour MPs fear defeat next time unless more *can be done quickly to satisfy* Scottish aspirations.

The difficulty about setting *up an assembly quickly is that* a good many questions about its composition, powers, methods of operation and elections to it have still to be settled. The Government has not yet considered a precise timetable, but the *best estimate at this stage* would be that it will take at least a year to resolve those questions and produce a Bill. Another year would then have to be allowed for the passage of the Bill through Parliament.

Therefore the most reasonable calculation would be that it could reach the statute book by the end of the parliamentary session of 1975-76 and there would then have to be elections before it could start business, and a few months at any rate would have to be allowed for *arranging them. If existing con*stituency boundaries are to be used it would clearly be quicker than if new ones have to be drawn.

In normal circumstances it would take about a year after the Bill has reached the statute book to make all the necessary arrangements

This is, after all, a highly complex constitutional development which requires a great deal of detailed planning. But the circumstances are not normal because of the political pressures. The *Government* will therefore want to speed things as fast as it can.

Mine union leaders draft own bonus plan

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Miners' leaders yesterday reached unanimous agreement on proposals for a national *productivity* scheme to put to the National Coal Board next week.

A committee of eight members of the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers has drawn up a draft agreement under which all 260,000 members of the union could receive bonuses of up to *£9 a week if face workers* reach production targets laid down for all 800 coalfaces.

When it meets the union next Wednesday the board will submit counter-proposals on *productivity* bonuses, based on a revised version of its earlier draft agreement. That was designed to allow the men who *win the coal a larger bonus* than other workers in the industry.

On that point the talks may founder. The board wants to give the extra rewards for extra output to the men who actually have to work harder. But the miners' leaders are insisting on their scheme, which *gives equal reward to every* worker, irrespective of job, as long as he or she is a member of the union.

The board has argued that such a scheme could not work, and would not produce much-needed higher output. The union accepts coal board methods of measuring increased work performance, by using norms based on a Soviet system, but wants the whole of the labour force to benefit equally. Productivity money would become payable when output exceeded three-quarters of the jointly agreed norms, and if pits everywhere achieved 100 per cent, then union members would receive £8 to £9, the union calculates.

The board is likely to reject *the union formula* as *unwork*able and to press the union executive to put the board's amended *proposals* to a secret ballot of the men as quickly as possible. Even if the executive recommends rejection in such a ballot, the board is still hopeful that the men will defy their leadership and accept the board's scheme, which would give up to £12.50 a week to face and development workers, *with half that sum for other* underground men and surface workers.

Demonstrators marching through Belfast yesterday to publicize their protest about prison conditions in Northern Ireland.

Mr Rees refuses to change Ulster policy

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

Forty-eight hours of burning and rioting both inside and outside Northern Ireland's prisons left the Government unmoved yesterday *on its policy concern*ing detention without trial. Mr Rees, Secretary of State for the province, said the demonstrations and arson at the Maze prison and elsewhere would not influence him in any degree to change the policy.

Five hundred more troops were flown in to Ulster during the afternoon, *bringin the total* military strength in Northern Ireland to 15,600. Throughout the day there were hijackings and riots in several towns and more recriminations from both Protestant and Roman Catholic politicians about the Maze burning, but by evening the province was reported to be comparatively quiet.

Mr Rees said: "I myself have again and again expressed my dislike of detention. In a normal society it is abhorrent. In a normal society I would be in the forefront of those who would campaign against it.

"In a normal society I would demand that people charged with offences should come before the courts of the land and should be sentenced for or acquitted of the charges *which* they face. I have made it clear that I personally am commit*ted to the phasing out of deten*tion when the security situation permits, and in this I express the view of my colleagues in government."

Mr Rees, who said that since July he had personally ordered the release of 48 detainees in addition to those set free by *the Long Kesh commissioners*, agreed that the camp was "not a pleasant or orthodox prison in terms of its construction or surroundings".

Throughout yesterday columns of black smoke rose over Belfast where youths in Catholic areas, particularly New Lodge and Ardoyne, had hijacked buses and cars and *set them on* fire. In other districts vehicles were stolen and used to block roads while in several streets republican demonstrators formed human chains to block traffic.

There were similar scenes in Strabane, co Tyrone, and Newry. In Londonderry more cars were hijacked and used to block roads.

The new troops, men of The Royal Welch Fusiliers, together *with a hundred* Royal Engineers, went on duty in Northern Ireland last night after being ferried into Aldergrove airport.

There was much controversy yesterday about government figures of those injured in the Long Kesh riots. On Wednesday night Mr Rees had said that nine prisoners had been detained *in hospital*; yesterday the Government confirmed that 29 had actually been taken to *hospital, nine of whom* had been detained.

It emerged, too, that 78 Long Kesh inmates were taken by ambulance to X-ray units in local hospitals after complaining that they had been hurt. The Government said there was no genuine discrepancy in the *figures since* it had been impossible at the time to draw up a complete list of the injured. Mr Paddy Devlin, SDLP chief whip, said yesterday, however, that Mr Rees now had no credibility left.

Government figures also showed that 23 Army personnel had been taken to hospital after the Long Kesh riots *together* with 14 prison officers. Of those, seven soldiers and four *warders were detained for fur*ther treatment.

Conditions at Long Kesh itself improved during the day, although several hundred prisoners had to sleep rough because of the destruction of their accommodation huts the previous night. Prison staff took portable kitchens and new lavatories into the camp during the day and hot meals were served to some of the prisoners last night.

The kidnapping of the governor of Armagh prison by inmates of his own jail appears to have been a tame *affair* in comparison with the Maze violence; at least according to the *governor*.

With a governess and two wardresses, Mr Hugh Cunningham was *seized* by the women, most of them IRA members, who demanded government assurances to Sinn Fein and the International Red Cross that the Long Kesh prisoners had not been *maltreated*. The authorities apparently never considered invading the prison attic where the women held out and Mr Cunningham was released in the early hours yesterday after two clergymen had assured his captors that the men at Long Kesh were safe.

After four hours' sleep Mr Cunningham went back on duty yesterday.

Price sisters: The disturbances at Armagh *jail are likely* to put back further the date when Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, permits the transfer to *Northern* Ireland of the two Price sisters. In June Mr Jenkins made it *clear* that his final decision would depend solely on grounds of compassion and security.

Since ending their *long* hunger strike both girls have remained in Brixton prison, *London*. Rumours of an imminent transfer to Ulster were recently denied in Whitehall.

At a press conference during the election campaign Mr Jenkins said the Guildford bombings *would not affect his* decision. The disorder at Armagh, on the other hand, directly *relates* to the security of the two girls were they to be transferred to the prison under present conditions.

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Whitelaw move to rally round Mr Heath

By Our Political Staff

Mr William Whitelaw tried yesterday to rally the Conservatives from their leadership conflicts with a statement of support, as chairman of the party, for Mr Heath as leader. This was not the time, he suggested, for Conservatives to divert their attention from the nation's economic crisis.

"Throughout the election," his statement ran, "we Conservatives under Ted Heath's leadership told the country the truth about our nation's serious economic situation. We must not forget this crisis now, because it has certainly not gone away. Surely then, all our energies must be concentrated on making our contribution as a united party and responsible opposition in Parliament to the discussion of our overriding problems.

"My own admiration and *support for Ted Heath* as our leader is well known and does not waver (least of all in times of difficulty). I naturally accep that all members of the Conservative Party are entitled t their own views about the leadership of their party. Ye surely at this time of crisis a Conservatives our priority i clear. *It is our nation first.*"

There is now widespread evidence of a desire within the Conservative Party to cool the present leadership crisis. M Edward du Cann's letter to *Th Times*, which is published i our correspondence columns to day, stating that this week's meetings of the old executive *of the 1922 Committee* were fo normal and routine purpose can be seen as another move i *that direction. No doubt man* Conservatives can remember th damage done to their party b the disorderly *public* scrambl for the succession to the leade ship in the autumn of 1963 an are anxious to prevent an repetition.

But it would be a mistake t assume that all those who wis to see *the greater seemline* are keen to see Mr Heath sta on as leader indefinitely. M Whitelaw has declared his pe sonal loyalty to Mr Heath wit some emphasis. But there a some who want a change i leadership in due course, an others who believe that it now impracticable for M Heath to stay on for very lon who none the less are equall concerned to take the heat o of the present *situation*.

There is therefore more th one struggle going on with the *Conservative Party* at th present moment. There is t battle between those who wa Mr Heath to go and those w want him to remain indefinite as leader; and there is t struggle between those w want the question of leade ship resolved quickly and tho who counsel delay. The positi is confused because these bat lines overlap.

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Three-month-old twins died in overheated room

Twins aged three months died when their room became overheated and the supply of oxygen ran out, an inquest at Devizes, Wiltshire, was told yesterday by Dr William Kennard, a pathologist.

The twins, Richard and Elizabeth Cleaver, had been asleep in carrycots in a room 11 ft by 9 ft and 8 ft high, with the door *and window closed*.

Mrs Patricia Elizabeth May Cleaver, their mother, of Mayenne Place, Devizes, said they were born prematurely, and Devizes clinic advised her to have a heater in their room

Recording a verdict of accidental death, Mr George Lush, the coroner, said there was obviously some misunderstanding about keeping the children warm. That did not *mean keeping the room sealed.*

Restraint not unreasonable, Mr Jones says

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"We should all give it a fair wind, in order to provide an *opportunity to reduce the num*ber of disputes by opening up new avenues to achieve social *justice*. Success in this field is a major objective of the social contract.

"*The other objectives* are absolutely in the interests of all trade unionists. If prices are kept down, if rents and rates are kept down, if more houses are built and if pensions continue to be improved, it would surely be to our overall advantage and be as important as a number of wage claims."

The main objective in the fight against inflation should be to increase the value of the pay *packet*, "not *necessarily* the amount of paper in it", Mr Jones insisted. "Union men and *women will cooperate* if this is clearly seen to be happening, and despite all the difficulties I am sure that the Labour Government will try to create this better climate."

In an obvious effort to allay rank-and-file fears that the TUC leadership was somehow "selling out" on the wages front, Mr Jones said: "The TUC General *Council is a very different* body from the old days, and is genuinely seeking to act in the best interests of all trade unionists. The collective bargaining advice which has been offered is the considered view of a leadership no longer divorced from the membership. We hope our members will respect the advice given.

"The central aim to maintain living standards in these diffi*cult times is not unreasonable.* The problem will be to secure agreement with all employers. Already the CBI have said 'the country cannot afford it' . . . but they mean the social policies [illegible] the Labour Government as [illegible].

"[illegible] expect them to change the[illegible] now that the election is [illegible] and work towards gr[illegible]bility *in industry. It* cer[illegible] would not do any harm [illegible] the press paid a little *more attention to employer* activities and we had a little less scaremongering about trade unions and industrial disputes.

"We are doing our best, and succeeding most of the time. The press and the Tory and Liberal politicians should be told that trade union officials and shop stewards love our country just as much as they do.

"That is why in industry we shall be paying attention to *improving efficiency and deal*ing with labour shortage problems. But the public and employers will need to realize that this will often require higher wage payments to overcome the present difficulties. This is especially the case with our members on the buses and in the commercial transport industry and some service *industries*."

He called on the Government and industry to cut unnecessary expenditure, suggesting the abandonment of the Channel tunnel and a joint approach by *unions and employers* in the road transport industry to ask the Minister of Transport to *refuse to implement* the EEC regulation on introducing the tachograph in lorry cabs.

This EEC requirement to fit lorry cabs with a work-performance measurement device he *denounced as* "an *example of* the Brussels bureaucratic alien rule that confirms us in our opposition to the EEC".

Anomaly over inquiry cost resolved by Ombudsman

By Geoffrey Smith
Political Staff

A curious *legal anomaly* is disclosed in the quarterly report of Sir Alan Marre, the Parlia*mentary* Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman), published yesterday. Whereas a successful objector to a compulsory purchase order usually receives his costs if the case has been heard at a public local inquiry, he does not do so if the case has been considered at a private hearing.

The anomaly came to *light* after a complaint to the Ombudsman on behalf of a successful *objector whose case was heard* in September, 1971. The next April the regional controller of the Department of the Environment informed the clerk of the county council that the Secretary of State was prepared to consider an application from the objector for costs. But his solicitors were told later that *as the decision had been* given after a hearing, not an inquiry, costs could not be awarded.

The Ombudsman criticizes the department on several scores, including loss of the relevant papers.

He was able to persuade the department that an ex-gratia *payment should be made, but* the assurances for future practice that he extracted are of wider public interest. Since March, 1972, it has become standard practice to hold a public inquiry rather than a private hearing into virtually all opposed compulsory purchase orders.

The department has assured the Ombudsman that if, exceptionally, it considers a hearing more appropriate, *it will hold* one only with the agreement *of* the objector after he has been *told of the difference* between that and an inquiry regarding the payment of costs.

The Ombudsman expresses surprise that although the old Ministry of Housing and Local Government (now merged into the Department of the Environment) stated in 1965 that it "accepted in principle that the statutory provisions for an award of costs should be extended to cover hearings as well as *local inquiries, it has* not been possible in the subsequent eight years to include in a suitable Bill the provision which would implement this decision and end the present anomaly".

Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1974, *Stationery Office, £1.10.*

Fisherman cleared

Alan George Brown, aged 2 a fisherman, who was said have fired three rifle shots a Dutch coaster he thought w going to ram the boat he w in, was found not guilty Newcastle Crown Court yeste day of causing grievous bodi harm to a deckhand on t coaster. Mr Brown, *of Leas* Street, Amble, Northumberlan was discharged.

Going bankrupt?

The question whether a unive sity can ever go bankrupt investigated this week in *Th Times Higher Education Su plement*. There is an article the late Maurice Bowra by Lo Annan, physical science bo reviews, and the second inst ment in the series on six formers and higher education.

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Cancer fund to get cash in jailed men's banks

A bogus cancer research charity run by two couples from London was "about the most iniquitous fraud I have ever had the misfortune to *deal with*", *Judge Abdela*, QC, said at the Central Criminal Court last night.

Passing sentence on three of them, he said: "To have sent out people as collectors for money, which for the greatest part went into your pockets, by portraying bleeding hearts and referring to the losses of *friends and relatives, is one of* the most wretched methods I have come across of trying to obtain people's generosity". Donations, varying between £1 and ½p had been obtained from no fewer than 25,000 people.

The judge ordered that *£672* plus any relevant interest in the bank accounts of the two men defendants should be sent directly to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, for which the swindlers had allegedly been collecting.

William Spraggon, aged 32, of Alderwood Road, Eltham, was jailed for five years for conspiring to steal money between July and September last year and for forging collecting box labels and identity cards purporting to be for cancer research.

His wife, Heather, aged 35, *found guilty of the conspiracy*, will be sentenced today. Michael Lucas, aged 28, of Victoria Way, Charlton, was jailed for three years for the two offences. Mrs Linda Wyatt, aged 24, of the same address, was given an 18-month sentence, suspended for two years, for the conspiracy.

Scottish strikers warned of massive lay-offs

From a Staff Reporter
Edinburgh

Scottish workers were warned yesterday that "tens of thousands of men" might be laid off as an unprecedented number of strikes continued to affect the country.

The warning came from Mr John Beattie, assistant general *manager* of the Confederation of British Industry in Scotland, who said that unless a solution to the unofficial road haulage strike was found industry would be run down.

Mr Beattie said: "Industry is running out of supplies and materials to keep up production, and many firms will have to close."

He said he had every sympathy with the officials of the Transport and General Workers' Union who were trying to reach a settlement. Their efforts, he said, were being blocked by a small group of unofficial militants.

Backlog holds up London mail

The Post Office has asked *people not to post mail to* addresses in the WC1 and WC2 districts of London because of a serious backlog at the West Central district sorting office caused by staff shortages and a ban on overtime.

Businesses and individuals in those areas are also asked not to post mail for London and *abroad in the areas.*

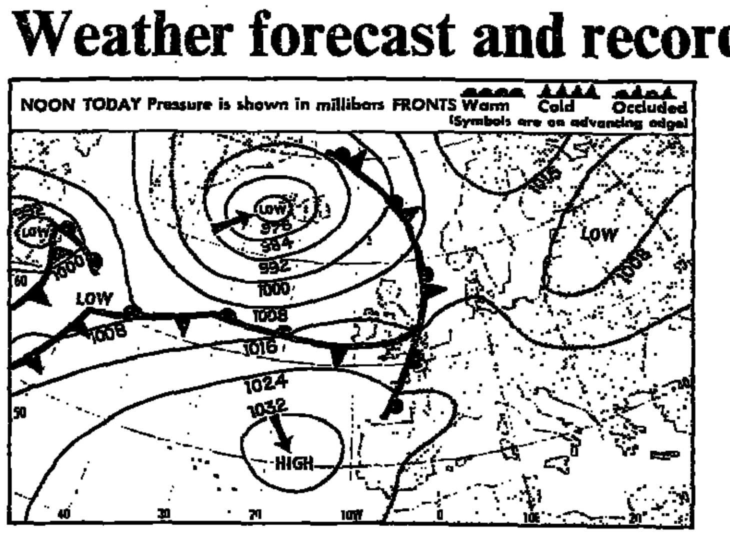
Royal visit to Jamaica

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Jamaica from Saturday, April 26 to Thursday, May 1, next year. The Queen will be present for the opening stages of the meeting of Commonwealth heads of government.

Plaid Cymru appeal

Plaid Cymru yesterday launched an appeal to clear debts of £12,000 incurred in this year's two elections. Mr Elwyn Roberts, the treasurer, said it needed to *expand staff and* political activities to take advantage of its success.

Weather forecast and recordings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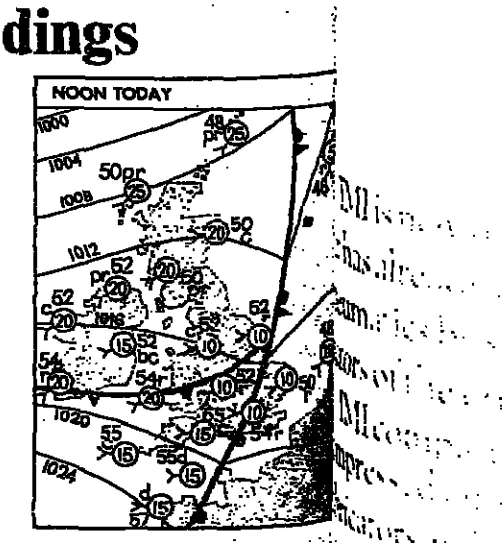

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Sun rises: 7.29 am
Sun sets: 6.2 pm
Moon rises: 11.10 am
Moon sets: 7.28 pm

First Quarter: October 23.

Lighting up: 6.32 pm to 7.1 am.

High water: London Bridge, 4.10 am, 7.3m (24.1ft); 4.26 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.41 am, 13.5m (44.3ft); 9.57 pm, 13.3m (43.6ft). Dover, 1.11 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 1.31 pm, 6.8m (22.2ft). Hull, 8.25 am, 7.6m (24.8ft); 8.46 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Liverpool, 1.22 am, 9.0m (29.4ft); 1.42 pm, 8.9m (29.3ft).

A deep depression will drift slowly E *near Iceland and its* associated troughs of low pressure will advance E across W Britain.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, some sunny intervals, early *mist* and fog patches; wind variable, becoming SW light; max temp 12°C (54°).

Wales, *Midlands*, Channel Islands, Lake District, central S, E, SW, NE, Central N, NW England: Mostly cloudy, *rain or* drizzle at times; wind SW light, becoming moderate; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Changeable, showers *longer* periods of rain, *some* su spells; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North S Straits of Dover: Wind SW li increasing fresh or strong; smooth, becoming moderate rough.

English Channel *(E)*, St Georg Channel: Wind SW moder becoming W fresh or strong; slight, becoming moderate rough

Irish Sea: Wind SW moder becoming W strong; sea slig becoming moderate or rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

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Athens	r	23	73	Dublin	f	11	52	Locarno	s	12	54	Oslo	s	5	41
Barcelona	c	18	64	Edinburgh	c	10	50	London	c	[illegible]	[illegible]	Paris	c	12	54
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Bristol	c	11	52	Helsinki	c	10	[illegible]	Manchestr	c	10	50	Venice	s	8	46
Brussels	c	8	46	Innsbruck	c	7	45	Moscow	f	10	[illegible]	Vienna	c	10	50
Budapest	c	10	50	Istanbul	c	21	70	Munich	c	7	45	Warsaw	f	5	41
Cardiff	c	12	54	Jersey	c	12	54	Naples	c	16	61	Zurich	[illegible]	4	39

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am 7 pm, 10°C (50°F); min, 7 pm 7 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 7 p 88 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 p 0.03in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, *nil*. B mean sea level, 7 pm, 1020.0 mil bars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in

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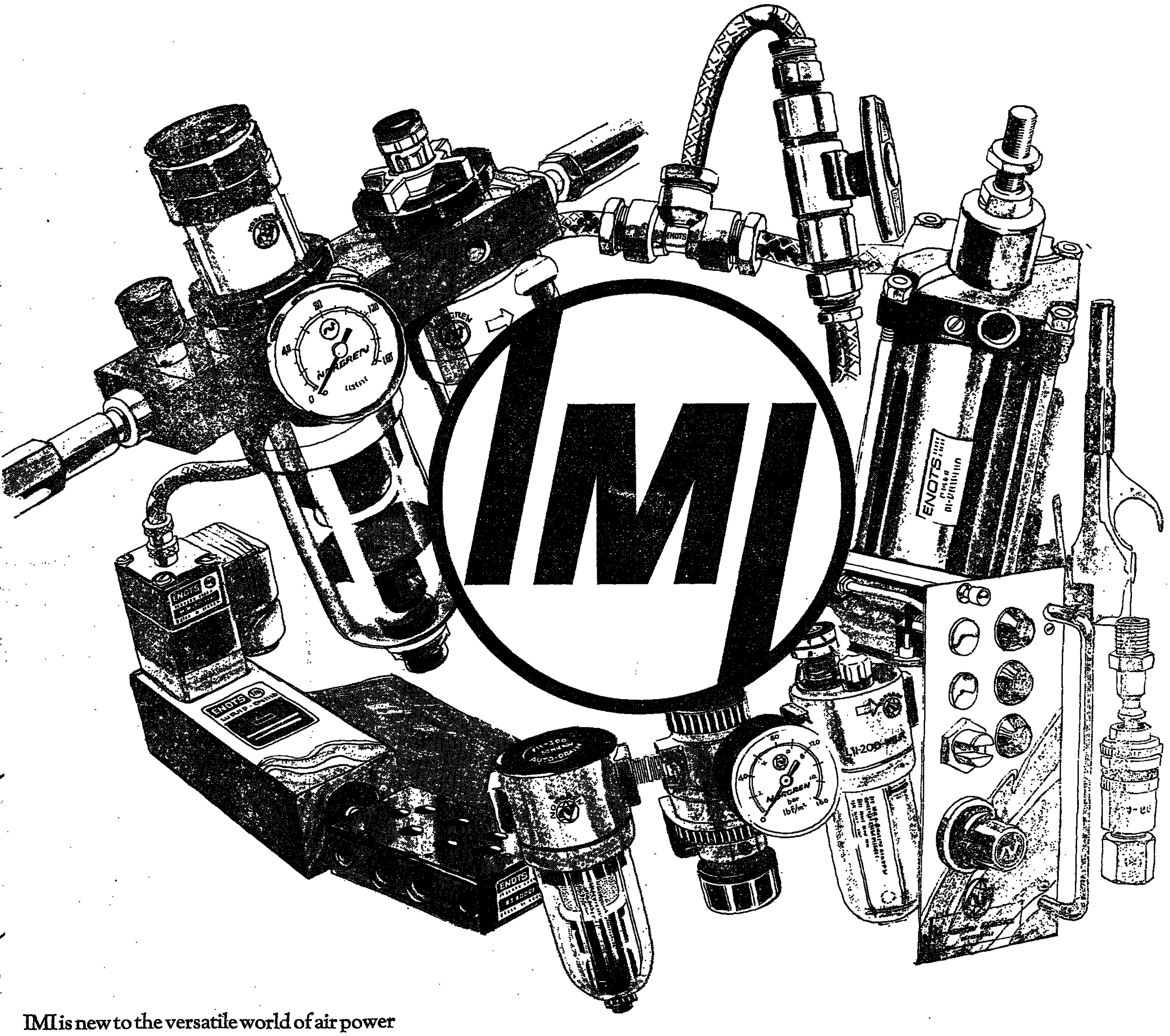

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NHS may reach point of no return, thirteen leaders of medicine say

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

The presidents and deans of 13 royal colleges and faculties of medicine have warned the Government that lack of money for the National Health Service has now led to a real danger that standards may decline to a point from which recovery would be impossible within a foreseeable term.

They have sent a four-page document to Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, saying that the Government must decide on priorities. They say it must be made clear to the public what proportion of the national Budget can be allocated to the. NHS and what limitations may have to be *imposed on care and* facilities.

It is clear that the medical profession is so concerned about our morale in the NHS, the danger that more and more professional people will *emigrate and ancillary workers* upon whom the service depends will leave it for better paid jobs outside the service, that it wants to make it abundantly clear that the situation lies at the Government's door.

Mr Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, said yesterday that one way was to say that we had reached the limit of health service income from direct taxation and we now had to look at other ways of financing it. The other was to allow standards to slide. He did not think it possible to rearrange resources. The service would not disintegrate but gradual erosion *might* mean that a point would be reached when something more abrupt happened.

Since the health service began there was greater medical knowledge and much more help from technological developments. But there was a gap between what could be done and what was done. Because of the underfinancing of the service he was sure that, for example, emigration of doctors was now more of a risk than it should be.

He had a strong feeling that the presidents and deans of faculties should develop a dialogue with union leaders who looked after the interests of the non-professionals who were so vital to the NHS. The "them and us" attitude must be got rid of. Unless all workers in the NHS, including the non-professionals, could see that their pay and circumstances were as good as comparable jobs outside the service, the NHS would never be happy and contented.

The presidents' and deans' document offers expert and informed advice to the Government in assessing health factors. Mr Smith said that included discussion of priorities, such as what was to be done about waiting lists, the place of district general hospitals and community hospitals and the difference between regions in the time patients spent in hospital with a particular illness.

Pressure on staff at all levels in the service had been such that the traditional friendly relationships within hospitals had been seriously eroded, even to the point where some workers had been prepared to take action against others in order to compel them to support industrial action. That was one of the worst threats to the service.

Universities plead for early government aid

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

The vice-chancellors of Britain's universities feel that their financial future is so uncertain that yesterday they took the unprecedented step of publishing a "crucial memorandum" which they have sent to Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science.

The committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals calls for funds by next January to meet increased costs in universities' running expenses caused by inflation.

They estimate that just to keep even they need an increased grant of about £24m for this financial year.

The memorandum says: "Unless the Government comes to their aid, the universities will then reach the critical point at which they will not have enough money to pay their staff and suppliers."

Sir Arthur Armitage, chair*man of the committee, told* a press conference in London: "If the money does not materialize we shall have to revise our estimates for increased student places."

At the moment vice-chancel*lors are ruling* out publicly the possibilities of a reduction in students and making academic staff redundant.

Sir Arthur said: "Unless we know by January we shall be in grave difficulty as to how we can do our duty towards the new entrants. If we do not know, I expect universities will make plans to keep faith with the sixth forms of schools. But I hope and expect that a minimum grant will be made."

The memorandum points out that government cuts last Christmas in grants to compensate for inflation have resulted in a £30m loss. At the time the Government estimated that the cuts were worth £14m. But the vice-chancellors maintain that that was pegged to 8 per cent inflation. The rate for universities is running at more than 20 per cent.

Sir Arthur estimated that the cost of energy supplies at Manchester University, where he is vice-chancellor, had risen from £250,000 to £1m since February.

Threshold increases have cost the universities an extra £8m this year, and national insurance contributions have added another £3m. Universities now expect to go at least £15m into debit by the end of the year with individual universities having deficits of up to £1m.

Sir Arthur admitted that the likely number of university students had dropped from the 1977 projection of 306,000 to about 275,000, but that did not make for great savings. He said: "No downward adjustment of the original target can produce a pro rata reduction in current costs".

The present number of university students is 255,000, 8,000 more than last year.

Sir Arthur said the difficulties faced by universities in housing the increased numbers were far more critical than ever before. That was also because of a slowing in college building, because of an expansion of other colleges of higher education, and because of new legislation which was deterring landlords from letting rooms.

The vice-chancellors fear that the Government is unsympathetic to their plight. That is, in fact, the case. I understand that the Secretary of State's reply to them is likely to point out that everyone in the education sector is in the same boat and it is not the Department of Education's job to interfere in the financing of the universities, which is done by the University Grants Committee through the Treasury.

Britain's universities are likely to keep their place at the back of the queue despite the urgent tones of yesterday's memorandum.

Celebrating Arthur Askey's 50 years in show business at a Variety Club luncheon in London yesterday are, from left Ernie Wise, Leslie Crowther, Eric Morecambe, Danny La Rue, Derek Nimmo, Eric Sykes and Jimmy Edwards.

Liberals discuss tax defiance to aid policy

By Geoffrey Smith
Political Staff

A proposal is being discussed at the highest levels of the Liberal Party for withholding tax payments *in an attempt* to enforce electoral reform. The idea originally mooted was for individual members and, it was hoped, supporters of the party, not to pay income tax in protest against the inadequate *representation of Liberals in* the House of Commons under the present electoral system.

This modern variation on the theme of "no taxation without representation" has been modified to the sugges*tion that those with* a tax bill to settle should pay £5 less than the demand and that those on PAYE should apply to have their tax code adjusted accordingly. The thought, presumably, is that that would gum up the bureaucratic machine.

No decision has yet been taken and the proposal has not been widely discussed within the party. The Young Liberals, who include some of the most *experienced practitioners* in the art of direct action, such as Mr Peter Hain, have not been consulted. It has not appeared on the agenda of the Parliamentary Liberal Party or any other official body of the party. The *difficulty is that it would have* to be one of those carefully coordinated, but apparently spontaneous outbreaks of protest.

If the scheme does go ahead, Mr Thorpe's powers of exposi*tion will be tested to the* full in showing that there has been no inconsistency in Liberal attitudes to the tax laws. Mr Pardoe's anti-inflation tax, on which Liberal policy placed so much emphasis during the election campaign, would depend for its success on there being an exceptional public *respect for these laws.*

Trade unionists might go on strike against the Industrial Relations Act and ignore the legal authority of Phase Three, it was argued, but the tax laws came into a different category. *They were of such* long standing and commanded such public respect that they would not be flouted if used in an attempt to curb inflation. Yet here are very senior Liberals pondering the possibility of flouting these same laws in an attempt to bring about electoral reform.

Not everyone within the party feels that it would be wise to launch any sort of major public campaign on elec*toral reform.* This is not what the public are really interested in, the Young Liberals and others say.

But nobody who attended last Sunday's meeting of the Liberal council could doubt *that in general* Liberal feelings are running very high on the iniquities of the present electoral system. Listening to some of the speeches one was inclined to feel that beneath a Liberal bosom there must beat *the heart of a suffragette.* There was some talk of chaining themselves to railings and other historic forms of protest. To withhold payment of tax might seem more in the modern idiom. But some senior Liberals regard the idea with considerable reserve. It is not so much a plan, they point out; no more than a proposition.

Urban car pollution 'increasing sharply'

From Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent
Cardiff

The frequency with which photochemical fumes are produced by the action of sunlight on unburnt hydrocarbons and *nitrous* oxides from car exhausts in urban areas is increasing sharply.

That is one of the findings of an investigation into traffic *pollution in five towns. A preliminary report on the first two* years of the five-year investigation was given in a paper by Dr H. N. M. Stewart and Dr R. G. Derwent, of the Warren Spring laboratory, to a conference of the National Society for Clean Air at Cardiff yesterday.

It also shows that carbon monoxide in busy streets several times exceeded recommended air pollution limits for short periods, *coinciding with rises in* the amount of lead particles from car exhausts. The quantities of lead detected varied from 4.9 micrograms to 816 micrograms.

Dr Stewart said there were no published air quality standards for lead particles. The extent of retention, absorption and physiological effects of such lead brought into the lungs had yet to be established.

In city driving, with low engine speeds, much of the lead is trapped by the exhaust system and the particles are emitted in quantity only by an accelerating vehicle.

Mr Paul Foot claims order not binding

Mr Paul Foot, aged 36, editor of the *Socialist Worker*, contended in the High Court yesterday that judges' directions not to disclose the identity of witnesses in certain cases was not legally binding.

In a statement read to the court yesterday he said that in 13 years' journalistic experience he had always believed that to be the case. He stated: "It is in the discretion of the *editor or journalist concerned* whether or not to comply with such a direction."

Mr Foot's statement was read to the court by Mr Samuel Silkin, QC, Attorney General, in *the application for the committal of Mr Foot* and the magazine's publishers for contempt of court in revealing the identity of Mr Y and Mr Z in the Janie Jones vice and blackmail trials at the Central Criminal Court in April.

At the start of yesterday's hearing Mr Silkin said he was not asking for Mr Foot to be jailed, although the applicati before the court was for h committal to prison.

"The position is that if t court is satisfied that the arti written by Mr Foot in the Ap 13 issue amounts to contem the question of penalty is e tirely for the court", he sa

Lord Widgery, Lord Chi Justice, sitting with Mr Just Milmo and Mr Justice Ackn said: "The penalty is entire at large."

Mr Silkin said he would more think of seeking to in ence the court about pena than he would if he we prosecuting in a criminal ca

Mr Ronald Waterhouse, Q for Mr Foot, said Messrs Y a Z did not come forward. w a complaint of blackmail were interviewed during an vestigation of other matters. T granting of anonymity to a witnesses was not an invari practice.

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Advantage is restored to power station engineers with 10% pay agreement

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

A 10 per cent pay agreement which reestablishes pay differentials for 20,000 skilled power station engineers has been settled in the electricity supply industry.

The agreement, between the Electricity Council and the Electrical Power Engineers, Association (EPEA), backdated to August 1 new rates ranging from £2,425 for newly qualified engineers to £6,600 for deputy superintendents of middle-sized power stations.

From the EPEA's point of view, that goes a long way towards restoring the pay advantage formerly enjoyed by the power engineers over other power station staff before the upsurge of wage militancy among manual workers in the industry four years ago. Eroded differentials have been reestablished and guidelines laid down to ensure that they remain after the manual workers' next negotiations.

From the council's point of view, the settlement, which will cost an extra £10m a year, is within the framework of a "ghost" reconstruction scheme worked out with the union in February but put to one side until statutory pay controls were abolished.

The power engineers settled for an 8 per cent rise under Phase Three on the understanding that the new pay structure would be implemented when government policy allowed. The question of the social contract scarcely arises, therefore, but both sides would probably justify the agreement on the allowable ground that it reforms an anomalous wage structure.

New approach: The electricians' union is trying to win backing for a demand for pay rises for 106,000 power station workers, five months before their present agreement is due to expire (our Labour Staff writes).

Mr Frank Chapple, president of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, has written to other unions with members in the electricity supply industry asking them to support an approach to the Electricity Council for "a review" of the pay agreement.

Bargaining system: The long-standing system of national pay negotiations in the engineering industry, under which all the unions talk jointly with employers on behalf of more than two million workers, may soon be abandoned in favour of the increasingly commoner method of direct bargaining between individual managements and shop floor representatives (our Northern Industrial Correspondent writes).

Any moves to end the bargaining between the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions and the Engineering Employers' Federation are likely to come from the union side.

M62 bomb trial told of gelignite tests

A Home Office explosives expert told the M62 coach bomb trial at Wakefield Crown Court yesterday that damage to the coach and carriageway was consistent with a charge of 20 to 25lb of high explosive of the gelignite type.

Mr George Berryman, of the Home Office research establishment at Woolwich, said that *such an explosive was composed* of nitroglycerine and another substance.

Dr Frank Skuse, Home Office analytical chemist, had said earlier that fingernail swabs taken from Judith Theresa Ward after her arrest in Liverpool showed nitroglycerine traces. The chemical was a constituent of some commercial explosives. Tests on a blue duffel bag, which the prosecution has alleged was bought by her, also showed contact with the explosive, he said.

Cross-examined by Mr Andrew Rankin, QC, for the defence, Mr Berryman agreed that it would be possible for nitroglycerine contamination to be passed from one person to another via an object.

Miss Ward, aged 25, of Middlesex Road, Brimington, Stockport, Greater Manchester, is accused of murdering 12 people who died after an explo*sion in an army coach on the* motorway in February. She is also charged with causing the coach explosion; and causing explosions at the National Defence College, Latimer, and at Euston railway station, London. She has pleaded *not* guilty.

The trial continues today.

New court application over Beatles' cash

The dispute over the multi-million pound business built upon the talents of the Beatles returned to the High Court *yesterday*.

Mr Allen Klein and his company, ABKCO Industries Inc, who at one stage managed the affairs of the group before it split, asked a judge to strike out large parts of a claim brought against him by John Lennon, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, Yoko Ono Lennon and 28 English and American companies associated with the Beatles.

The substance of the claim is that ABKCO and Mr Klein did *not ensure that Mr Lennon, Mr* Harrison and Mr Starr understood what they were doing when they signed management agreements with Mr Klein in 1969, and failed to advise them properly on their business and financial affairs.

Mr Klein contends that the three former Beatles knew what they were doing, and that allegations they have made against him are inconsistent with admissions they made in an earlier court case.

That case, started four years ago, was Paul McCartney's action against the other Beatles and Mr Klein to break up the Beatles' partnership. In March, 1971, Mr McCartney succeeded in getting a receiver appointed to manage the Beatles' business pending the outcome of that action.

When he appointed the receiver Mr Justice Stamp said there was no evidence that Mr Klein had pocketed any of the Beatles' money.

The hearing continues today.

'Let nurses prescribe pill'

By a Staff Reporter

Nurses, midwives and health visitors should be empowered to prescribe oral contraceptives, according to a group of prominent doctors connected with family planning. A letter in the *British Medical Journal* today signed by Dr Michael Smith, *Chief Medical Officer of the* Family Planning Association, Sir Stanley Clayton, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and 22 other leading gynaecologists and research workers says that while nurses who have had appropriate training could dispense the pill, doctors should continue to supervise and see any complicated cases.

Accessibility to oral contraceptives is one factor determining how widely they are used, the letter says, and the present requirement for a doctor's prescription is a burden to an overstretched medical service.

Support for that view is given *in a leading article in The Lancet*, but it points out that while the pill was given approval by the Royal College of General Practitioners' report earlier this year, there are still doubts about its long-term safety. *It is too soon to* take the pill off prescription altogether, *The Lancet* says.

Cut-price Sealink to Europe for motorists

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Motorists will be able to make short trips to the Continent at half the normal fare under a scheme to be introduced by British Rail Sealink from November 1. Similar concessions will be offered by Townsend Thoresen and the other operators in an effort to boost faltering traffic across the channel.

Typical fares will be £14.10 for a Mini and two passengers or £18.85 for a Cortina and two passengers from Dover or Folkestone and back. On the longer Newhaven route fares would be £18 and £22.75, respectively.

To qualify for the cheap fare, the traveller must return within 36 hours, measured from departure time at the British port to departure time from the Continental port on the return journey.

British Rail is also extending its cheap fares for under 26s to Continental cities. Apart from Paris (£11.80 return) and Brussels (£11), there will be cheap returns to Amsterdam at £17 return on specified sailings. The Amsterdam excursion is open to people over sixty as well

The only regular ferry service between Britain and Portugal, by Southern Ferries' 11,500-ton Eagle, is to be withdrawn on November 1 because of a "drastic and dramatic" fall in bookings,

About 600 passengers who have already booked on the Eagle to Lisbon, Algiers, or Tangier after November 1 will *have their money refunded.* Where possible, they will be offered alternative passages,

Students shun chemistry at universities

By Our Education Correspondent

Many chemistry departments at universities are able to re*cruit only half* the number of undergraduates they have room for, Professor W. R. McWhinnie, of Aston University, Birmingham, said in his inaugural addres as professof chemistry last night.

Recession in the chemical industry in the early 1970s had drastically reduced jobs for graduates. Demand from industry was rising but was not being met, and that had serious consequences for the country.

Because of falling *numbers* chemistry departments were being scrutinized for short-term economies, he said.

The economic future of the country was not dependent on the number of lawyers produced, Professor McWhinnie said. Contraction of science departments might seem to make economic sense in the short term, but in the long term it might be disastrous.

Defeated Tory MP retires

Mr C. M. Woodhouse, aged 57, defeated Conservative candidate for Oxford at the last election, announced his retirement from active politics yesterday.

Mr Woodhouse said he felt it was time to make way for a younger man to fight the marginal *constituency. He lost the* seat to Mr Evan Luard (Lab) by 1,036 votes,

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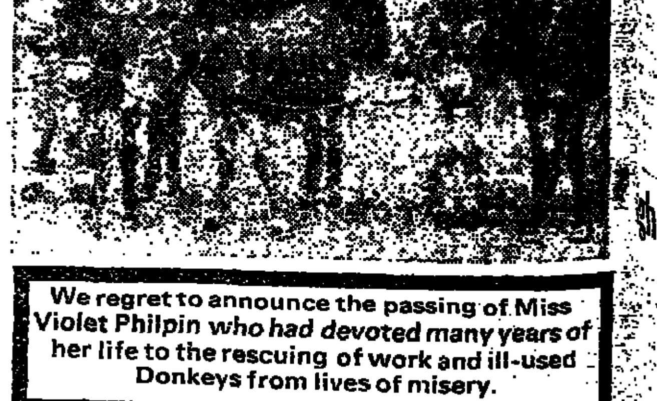

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IOME NEWS

nquiry into death of boy aged four riticizes poor communications etween local authority services

Martin Huckerby

hortcomings on the part of al authoritiy services in ex are disclosed by the ort of an inquiry into the n of Max Piazzani, aged , who weighed only 15lb n he died in hospital at ildon in August last year.

he boy's parents pleaded ry in court to wilful neglect the boy and were each enced to two years' imonment, although sentence reduced on appeal to 18 ths.

o official inquiry, made up members of Essex County ncil and Essex Area Health hority but with an indepen- t chairman, was set up ier this year and its report, h was due to be published October 29, is published to- after information about its mmendations had leaked

ie inquiry concludes that case indicates poor com- cations between services. ough it points out that e of the services were ergoing reorganization.

says the failure to have a m of formal, regular case erences was to have serious rcussions in this instance, it recommends that such a m, as set down in April year by the Department of th and Social Security, ld be set up in the area. d such a conference been in existence, it might have brought matters to a head at an earlier date", the report says.

The inquiry, under the chairmanship of Mr Alan Davies, former clerk to Nottinghamshire County Council, said that not enough attention or credence was given to the reports by two neighbours about the boy's condition.

The report notes that there was criticism of the decision of the Essex children's department in December, 1970, to "close the case" on Max, particularly since the consultant paediatrician, who had seen the boy at St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, had been suspicious of the child's injuries and was still concerned about his future. But the inquiry suggests that the decision was not unreasonable, since health visitors were still going to the home.

However, there were no visits by health visitors between October, 1972, and April, 1973, because the regular health visitor was in hospital and the social workers were not told.

When the health visitor saw the child again, she was adamant that there had been no deterioration. But there were then no further visits from May because first the family and then the health visitor were on holiday, and then the health visitor left the department.

Thus it was only when the mother herself telephoned to the health services clinic at the end of July that the boy's state of health and his need for hospital treatment were discovered. The boy died in hospital on August 4.

While the report does not go into medical details about the boy's condition, it says the ultimate cause of death was a head injury and quotes the Court of Appeal's assumption that the boy's emaciated condition was due not to deliberate starvation but to his inability to absorb and digest food.

The inexperience of fieldworkers and "unavoidable" short-term weaknesses in the middle management of the social services department are mentioned by the inquiry.

The report says: "Clearly the main responsibility lay with the parents, and for their actions they have been punished."

Among the report's recommendations there is a call for urgent action to improve relationships between general practitioners and social workers. A small survey carried out for the inquiry indicated that a high proportion of doctors in Essex were dissatisfied with the local social service organization.

Mr Eric Moonman, Labour MP for Basildon, yesterday strongly criticized the report. He has now prepared an alternative report which, he says, will not duck the issues. That should be published next week.

arning on rvival local thorities

Christopher Warman
nemouth

s government aid to local rities would lead to the se not only of the rating n but also of local govern- in its present form, the rence in Bournemouth of ating and Valuation Asso- n was told yesterday.

Terry Cheetham, director ance for the London bor- of Sutton, said that unless hing was done quickly rate ses of 70 per cent predic- certain quarters for next would be likely to prove rm rather than the excep-

Cheetham said: "I cannot e that it is in the interests ntral government to let government perish; but it is prepared to give us sources we need, local ment as we know it may difficult to survive."

rejected the argument that government subsidies mean greater government l. If central government more grants whose money anyway? "Ours."

achieve financial independ- every rating authority need to discover a gold- There was no practical ative to rates and they wrong who thought that if were abolished local auth- costs could be met by additions to central taxes. ses of about 10 per cent be more likely.

Cheetham also described increased assistance to tic ratepayers as "a cos- to disguise the real impact burden being forced upon ates". Not every non- tic ratepayer was auto- lly rich or making high .

ould seem that for politi- asons the domestic rate- was cushioned against the ble impact of rate in- s but that the local auth- themselves received rela- less towards the actual f their services and the burden was borne by non- tic ratepayers.

ost of those in local gov- nt believe that domestic merely aggravates the features and inequities of ting system", Mr Cheet- id.

Lana Gray dead

y Lana Gray, aged 31, ter of Lord Cromer, for- overnor of the Bank of nd, and wife of Mr ny Gray, was found dead throat wounds at her at Offham, near Maid- Kent, yesterday. Kent said foul play was not ted.

General Synod debate on divorce to reopen

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The question of the remarriage in church of divorcees *which appeared to have been* settled in favour of "no change" last November, is to be reopened by the General Synod of the Church of England at its next meeting next month. The House of Bishops has asked for a fresh debate.

Last November a procedural tangle produced a result that, in the opinion of many members, did not really represent majority opinion. Led by the Right Rev Robert Runcie, Bishop of St Albans, these critics of the decision complained that majority opinion favoured further debate within the dioceses, at rank-and-file level. At a crucial stage of the proceedings an amendment to that effect was withdrawn, leaving members with a stark choice between changing the present rule or reaffirming. At present the church's official policy bars divorcees from a second church wedding.

Two motions have been accepted for debate at the synod, which begins on November 5. The first repeats the argument put forward by the Bishop of St Albans last autumn, that diocesan synods "*should be* asked to indicate whether they consider that an alteration in the present marriage discipline of the Church of England in order to permit remarriage of divorced persons in church (under appropriate conditions and with due safeguards) is theologically defensible and pastorally desirable, and to *report their views to the secre*tary general by May 31, 1976".

A new aspect of the question will be brought before the General Synod, the far more radical issue of whether the Church of England can any longer recognize civil marriages in accordance with the present state of civil law as valid Christian marriages.

The Bishop of Truro, the Right Rev Graham Leonard, will move on behalf of his diocesan synod "that this synod notes with concern the change in understanding of the nature of marriage expressed in the Divorce Reform Act, 1969; is therefore of the opinion that further consideration of proposals for the remarriage of divorced persons in church should be deferred until there has been a fresh examination of the Christian doctrine of marriage and of marriage discipline in the Church of England; and asks the presidents and the standing committee to arrange for this examination, so that the General Synod can at an early date give further consideration to these important issues".

The implication behind Dr *Leonard's motion is* that the Divorce Reform Act introduced in 1969 the concept of divorce by consent, after two years of separation, and the existence of that way out of an unsuccessful marriage on the statute book makes it no longer possible to regard marriage in English law as a contract binding "until death us do part".

That would mean *that* marriage according to English law could no longer be regarded as automatically valid in the eyes of the church. The ramifications for the question of the remarriage of divorcees in church are enormous—if the "failed" first marriage was never a Christian marriage, the church would logically cease to regard the parties to it as having once been married, offering themselves for the church's blessing on a second marriage.

They would, in short, be in exactly the same situation as single people wanting to be married in church, and there would be no further difficulties.

£3.5m plan for 2,000 teachers to work abroad

By Our Education Correspondent

A £3.5m plan to give every teacher a chance to train and teach abroad is suggested today as a means of making teaching more attractive as a career.

The National Union of Teachers, in a booklet on teacher exchanges, says a period abroad either teaching or on an "intensive study course" is an essential part of a teacher's education.

The union recommends that the Government should finance the scheme for between 2,000 and 2,500 places for teacher ex*change* and in-service education by 1981-82.

It wants the present scheme for exchanges of language teachers expanded and recommends that the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges should have £300,000 to administer the scheme.

Explosives case woman is remanded

Mrs Frances Mabel Redman, aged 39, a machinist, of Roseberry Avenue, Tottenham, London, was remanded in custody until today week at Epping Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with possessing 28 *sticks of gelignite* at Earls Path, Waltham Abbey, Essex, on October 15.

Amendment to poll details

The following additional amendment to voting figures in the general election was reported yesterday by the Press Association:

BRIDLINGTON: Cherry, J. M. S. (L) 11,795 instead of 10,795. C majority 11,106 instead of 10,106. Total vote 44,629. Turn-out 67.9 per cent. C 49.1 per cent. L 26.4 per cent. Lab 22.3 per cent. Nat Front 2.2 per cent. C maj 22.7 per cent. Swing −2.4 per cent.

gher cost of chips with everything

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

prices of sausages, baked and chips are to be in- d. Potatoes are costing because the wet weather ing them harder to dig up he fields.

s of frozen prepared chips ised last month by at least *ge processing company.* The rgest producers of baked Heinz and Crosse & Black- will soon be charging an enny for a large tin.

largest sausage factories in ntry believe that the Price ssion will find no grounds cking their claims for an 0 per cent increase on prices ages and pies. Bowyers and h both said yesterday that d applied for increases.

Heinz and Crosse & Black- creases on beans are part of series by each company. The is also to charge more for and sauces.

z has sent shopkeepers a list eases to start on October 28, e is still plenty of time to up at present prices. Its soup will rise by 1½p or 2p, depending on size, and its salad cream, fruit juices and tinned salads also will cost more.

On the fresh food front, the immediate prospect is good. Supermarkets are competing hard on meat. Lipton is advertising English rump steak at 86p a pound, compared with a range of 92p to £1 in most other shops.

Keymarkets are charging 30p a pound *for whole or half shoulders* of English lamb, and Lipton also has topside and silverside of beef at 60p, but it does not say how much of their supplies are silverside and how much the more desirable topside. Pork remains expensive because fewer pigs are being sent for slaughter this year than last.

Poultry prices are steady; the cheapest supermarket chicken costs 24p a pound, compared with 19p three months ago, but most frozen and fresh birds will cost at least 26p a pound.

Fresh fish will be cheaper today in many areas than a week ago, with cod steaks as much as 5p lower at 44p to 52p a pound. Herrings, sprats, coley and skate will be slightly cheaper.

Some superb large pineapples are reaching the shops at surprisingly low prices. I bought one in London yesterday that produced eight thick rings of juicy, sweet flesh. It was one of a large pile flung into an old box and priced at 45p each.

Sweet carrots can still be found for 10p to 15p a bunch, and swedes are good at about 4p a pound, but cauliflowers are dear at 14p to 19p each.

A few shops still have autumn strawberries at prices that vary from about 12p to more than 20p for about 6oz. There are plenty of avocadoes at 18p each or more.

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Spanish professional group forms leftist political party

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Oct 17

A group of prominent Spanish professional men announced here today that they have formed a social democratic party in Spain, where all political parties other than the Falange-based National Movement are prohibited.

The founders include Seror Manuel Diez-Alegria, a lawyer and the son of the recently dismissed chief of the Spanish joint chiefs of staff; Senor Dionisio Ridruejo, a writer who composed the words of the Falangist anthem, but who more than a decade ago joined Spanish democratic factions; Senor Antonio García-López, a prominent economist; Senor Fernando Chueca Goitia, one of the nation's most respected architects; Senor Fernando García la Higuera, a sociologist and marketing expert; and seven others, comprising a university professor, a publisher, a businessman, a sociologist, a lawyer and two economists.

The party, known as the Spanish Social Democratic Union (USDE), is, according to its programme, "parallel to the other European Social Democratic Parties". The founders said that the programme is subject to revision as soon as it becomes possible in Spain to hold a general assembly without police interference.

They said the party is controlled by the 12-man board and each member has an equal vote. The board may be enlarged as other political groups are incorporated

They refused to use the regime's word "association" to disguise the nature of their organization, despite the ban on political parties. A spokesman for the USDE said that if General Franco's Government attempted to interfere with their non-violent political activities, the Government would risk losing whatever confidence it had gained from Spaniards who believed in its promises of liberalization.

"We want to be like a brothel", said one of the founders, "illegal, scorned if necessary, but tolerated."

A spokesman revealed that they were counting on a liberal faction within the Spanish Army, including "a very decisive and important minority", to refrain from interfering with the future installation of a democracy in Spain. They refused to name the military figures involved, "because we do not want to see this faction dismantled".

The new party is the first to be organized inside Spain with public announcement, and the first to openly declare itself as a political party. It is open to Spaniards of all political convictions, except, the founders said, communists and fascists.

Planks in its platform include complete separation of Church and State, free trade unions, a vote for all Spaniards over 18 years of age, equality of the sexes before the law, a divorce law, free education, popular suffrage and other democratic freedoms.

The new party, while defining itself as left of centre in European terms, renounces adhesion to any dogmatic ideology. Communists are excluded from direct membership at present, but they are indirectly in communion with the party

Known political figures of the usually tolerated part of the Spanish opposition who are believed to form a part of or share the views of the Social Democratic Union are Señor Mariano Gil Robles, former Defence Minister in the second Spanish Republic, and Professor Joaquín Ruiz Jimenez, former Education Minister and the rallying point of Spanish Christian Democrats.

The public announcement of the creation of this illegal party, naming the names of its founders, is the most significant overt non-violent action of any opposition group in Spain in many years.

Full house at the first official parking area for cyclists in the centre of Paris.

Madrid paper was 'duped'

Madrid, Oct 17.—The Spanish newspaper *Nuevo Diario* today retracted a story about the formation here of a government in exile by right-wing Portuguese. It said it had been duped by persons apparently interested in disturbing good relations between Spain and Portugal.

The newspaper published a statement yesterday from the alleged exile government and named 11 of its "ministers". However, the man named as Information Minister, Senhor Francisco Dutra Faria, founder of the Portuguese news agency ANI, denied that he knew anything about it.

The Spanish Government also announced that it would not let any Portuguese exile government operate in Spain.—Reuter.

Bizarre end-of-the-world vigil starts hunt for former priest whose followers included a duke

Sect under spell of 'Christ on Earth'

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Oct 17

Police are trying to find a former Italian priest, Don Rino Ferraro, aged 51, who is leader of a sect awaiting the end of the world. Don Ferraro, who calls himself "Christ on Earth", was a follower of the late Michael Colin, the French "Anti-Pope".

He disappeared earlier this week after 17 of his followers, mostly Italian and including six children, had kept a vigil in the main car park at Geneva airport in expectation of the world ending last Sunday.

They had been there, sleeping in their five cars with Italian plates, at least since October 10. After noticing that the vehicles never moved and always seemed to be occupied, police investigated on Monday night.

They found that one member of the sect, a West German women, aged 62, had died—of natural causes, a post mortem showed—five days previously. The others had decided not to hand the corpse over to the authorities and were keeping it in one of the cars, in which two of them also slept.

When Sunday came, and the world was still in existence, the group's funds had run out. They were unable to leave the car park as one of the vehicles had broken down and, in any case, they had no money to pay the parking charges.

Sleeping in another car were a wealthy Italian couple, Duke Ludovico Melzi, aged 68, and his 62-year-old wife, Countess Bianca Maria, who vanished from their sixteenth-century home near Milan four months ago.

After complaints by their relatives in Italy, Swiss police had been searching for Don Ferraro. The duke's lands in Bergamo are valued at several million pounds.

The family accused the former priest of putting the couple under his spell. They succeeded in having his four bank accounts blocked, but not before the couple had drawn out £20,000 from their Milan account on June 22.

Lugano police were also acting on a complaint from the uncle of four of the younger members of the sect who had been missing since the same date.

Don Ferraro, whom Italian police have charged with swindling a person not in full possession of his faculties, broke with Michael Colin in 1970 to found his own sect, "The Kingdom of Mary Co-Redemptress". He claimed to have visions of Christ and drove a red Mercedes. He has been labelled "another Rasputin" by some Italian newspapers.

Until 1969, he was the curé of Vintebbio, a hamlet near to Bergamo.

When the German woman died, while the sect was awaiting Doomsday in the car park, Don Ferraro apparently went off with the stated purpose of informing her relatives. The rest were waiting for his return when the police intervened.

London talks on fishing ban off northern Norway

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Norwegian proposals for trawler-free zones off northern Norway were discussed yesterday at a meeting in London between Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, and Dr Jens Evensen, the Norwegian Minister of Trade, who deals with fishing limits.

The Norwegian proposals, which have not been made public, are to be studied by the British Government and discussed confidentially between the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and representatives of the British fishing industry.

Mr Evensen was not proposing to discuss the extension of fishery limits at this stage, but is understood to have said he will raise the issue with Britain.

General strike in Italy amid political chaos

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Oct 17

The country today faced a general strike involving some 10 million workers with the added complication of having to do so without a Government.

The situation is unique in recent Italian history. In fact, little more than three years ago the unions cancelled a general strike simply because the Government had resigned. But the present circumstance is indicative of the broad nature of the crisis now.

The general strike was called to protect employment and workers' pay in the face of recession and inflation. According to Signor Luciano Lama, general secretary of the left-wing Trade Union Federation, it is also intended to warn employers that they cannot make the workers meet the consequences of the country's difficulties, and, he adds, the unions expect to see a new policy of development.

The demand for a recognizably fresh aproach to the country's problems is the main issue involved in the efforts of Senator Amintore Fanfani, secretary of the Christian Democratic Party, to form a new government. The senator has already been Prime Minister three times and has been a familiar figure in the political landscape for more than two decades. His party has been continuously in power since the end of the war.

These are all factors which suggest that fresh initiatives would not be the most likely consequence of the formation of another coalition of the type which has ruled the country for years. But it is reasonable to say that scepticism is now less strong than when the last Government fell two weeks ago.

Part of the explanation is quite logical. Senator Fanfani is the most vigorous, and in many ways the strongest of the ruling party's leaders. As his colleagues point out, he is their best card and if he does not manage to form an effective government, there would be still less hope for the others.

He was apparently reluctant to try but, once convinced that he must, has thrown all his formidable energies into the task of bringing back the four parties which made up the old coalition into a new and more clearly orientated administration.

Despite his long experience, and despite his setback in May when he failed to have the divorce law repealed, Senator Fanfani is not looked on just as a traditionalist politician incapable of adopting new methods if he thinks them appropriate.

He has changed his approach on more than one occasion in the past and might well do so again. In fact, at this point in the search, all that is clear is his insistence on a solidly based, effective government. What he would have it do, is far from obvious.

The Opposition is proving much less difficult than the prospective coalition partners. Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist leader, insists on three points: that the responsibliity for the country's crisis rests firmly on the Christian Democrats; that there should be no dissolution; and that the new government must work seriously, following clearly defined aims.

Portugal urges UN to lift embargoes

From Peter Strafford
New York, Oct 17

President Costa Gomes of Portugal today called for help and understanding from the international community for Portugal's "peaceful revolution". There was no longer any reason to cast anathemas at Portugal, he said, appealing for a quick lifting of all the United Nations embargoes and restrictions.

"The predemocratic situation in which we are living contains considerable economic and financial difficulties which will best be overcome if the democratic countries of the world show a material and moral solidarity which is rapid, brotherly and fair in its financial and political *price*", President Gomes said.

He was speaking to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the first Portuguese head of state to do so. He was given a standing ovation by delegates both before and after his speech.

The new Portuguese regime, Senhor Gomes went on, was determined to maintain a process of democratization at home. It would "restore to the Portuguese people their lost dignity by creating more just conditions of life through pluralistic democratic institutions legitimized by the freely expressed will of the people".

Abroad, Portugal would continue "the irreversible and definitive process of decolonization". It would keep "sufficient flexibility of spirit to safeguard the interests of the peoples to be decolonized".

There was nothing in Portugal to justify "alarmist generalizations based on minor social disturbances which the provisional Government has always healed and overcome". The President invited members of the General Assembly to visit Portugal and verify this for themselves.

Italy's economic planner resigns

Rome, Oct 17.—Dr Giorgio Ruffolo, Italy's top economic planner, has resigned because of what he called the impossibility of implementing planning decisions.

In his letter of resignation he said these difficulties had worsened lately, coinciding with Italy's economic and political crisis.—Reuter.

Brandt invitation to Labour Party

Treysa, West Germany, Oct 17.—Herr Brandt, leader of the Social Democratic Party (SDP) said today that he had invited Britain's Labour Party to joint talks on European issues.

He said that any justifiable British proposals for shaping the EEC should be considered, but the Community must be strengthened rather than weakened.—Reuter.

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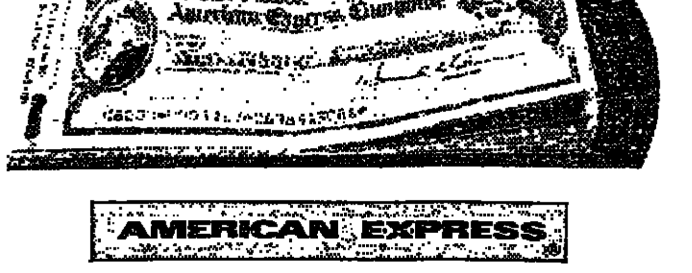

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Call to speed up decision on EEC centre

From Craig Seton
Parliamentary Staff
Strasbourg, Oct 17

A European Parliament study group has attempted to force the pace over a decision on a single centre for the various dispersed European Community institutions with the publication today of a *report critical of the present* situation.

Mr Peter Kirk, leader of the European Conservative group, made it clear at a press conference here that some parliamentarians were becoming increasingly impatient at the lack of progress, and had even considered bringing an action before the European Court of Justice to make some headway.

Their report recommended that Parliament should conduct a campaign aimed at increasing public awareness of the importance of the Community having a single centre.

Brussels explains gap in price of beef

From David Cross
Brussels, Oct 17

Although there has been a sharp fall in market prices received by beef producers in all parts of the European Community in recent months, housewives in Britain, Belgium and France have been paying considerably higher prices in *the shops*.

This trend emerges from a reply by the European Commission to a question submitted by a member of the European Parliament and published in Brussels today.

The Commission says that shop prices for beef rose 3 per cent in Britain, 5 per cent in Belgium and 7 per cent in France during the 12 months up to June, 1974. In Denmark beef prices remained stable, but in West Germany and the Netherlands they fell by 2 and 6 per cent respectively.

Asked to explain why falls in producer prices have not been accompanied by a corresponding drop in retail prices, the Commission blames distribution networks for passing on reductions "only partially and with certain delays".

The Commission also reveals that beef production in the Community will be between 14 *and 16 per cent higher* (a total of 5,400,000 tons) compared with last year while consumption remains static.

The Belgian Government, which is trying to force shops to reduce meat prices, has aroused the wrath of its butchers. Yesterday, butchers in the Antwerp area closed their shops from lunchtime in protest.

The Government has recently introduced legislation compelling burchers to reduce the shop price of pork by 15 per cent and of beef by 5 per cent.

African likely to be new Unesco head

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Oct 17

The most important task before the general conference of Unesco, which opened in Paris today, with more than 500 delegates from 132 countries is the replacement of M René Maheu, who has held the post of Director-General for 12 years.

Under him Unesco has developed into an effective instrument for the advancement of education and scientific and technical training in the developing countries.

M Amadou Mahta M'Bow, of Senegal, has been unanimously proposed to the conference as his successor by the executive board of 40 members. M M'Bow was formerly assistant Minister of Education of Senegal, and is at present Unesco's Assisant Director-General for Education.

He will be the first African to occupy the post and there is no doubt that he will pursue M Maheu's policy of placing the main emphasis in the work of the organization on aid to developing countries, which now absorbs two-thirds of its resources.

Three new members are making their entry into the organization on the occasion of this conference: Guinea-Bissau, North Korea and San Marino.

Representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization and of the African liberation movement have been invited by the executive board to send observers, with right of speech, to this conference. A vote on this invitation will be taken on Tuesday.

Fifty-three countries voted today for the admission of South Vietnam to Unesco; 34 were against and 28 abstained in the first political decision

In another vote, 48 countries voted for the continued membership of Chile, 24 against and 41 abstained. The delegates of China, Albania and Romania left the hall while the personal vote count was being held. The Turkish delegate contested that the Cyprus delegation was not representative, but there was no vote and the Director General ruled that their credentials had been accepted.

Airline closes routes

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Oct 17

Air Inter, the French domestic airline, has closed three services under an austerity plan to save money.

M Marcel Cavaille, the State Secretary for Transport, told the National Assembly yesterday that the services were Paris-Lille, Paris-La Rochelle, and Paris-Belfort.

The closing of other services such as Paris-Nimes and Strasbourg-Nimes, which are run at a loss, may follow on November 1. The company has a deficit of about £400,000 this year, or 20 per cent more than its capital.

Since the beginning of the year, the fall in traffic has averaged six per cent, while forecasts on which several years' investments had been based expected an increase in traffic of 15 per cent. This fall in traffic is coupled with the dramatic increase in fuel costs.

In addition, the company has to pay for the purchase of 10 new Dassault Mercure aircraft which it very reluctantly agreed to buy

Journalist held in £2m fraud case

Geneva, Oct 17.—Mr Serge Locatelli, a 35-year-old Swiss journalist has been arrested here on charges of defrauding a Geneva banker of 15.1 million Swiss francs (more than £2m).

He was alleged to have obtained the money to finance films for Italian and Swiss television. Mr Locatelli denied the accusations when questioned by an investigating magistrate yesterday.—Reuter.

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Replay of Nixon tape makes court burst into laughter

'rom Patrick Brogan
Vashington, Oct 17

One of the tapes of Mr Nixon, he former President, was layed in public for the first ime today in the Watergate over-up trial. It brought home iore clearly than anything else he conspiratorial nature of the lixon White House.

It was a recording of a conersation on September 15, 1972, etween Mr Nixon, Mr H. R. Ialdeman, his chief of staff, and ne of the defendants at the ial, and Mr John Dean, who as then Mr Nixon's counsel nd who is now on the witness and.

The White House version of anscripts of the tapes, includg this one, was released last oring and another version, inuding passages which the Vhite House had omitted, was ıt out by the House judiciary ommittee.

There were therefore no surises. But hearing the President say to Mr Dean: "You ıst try to button it us as well you can and hope for the est", and congratulate him on s good work in containing the ımage from the Watergate rests, adds a new dimension. Everyone in court was uiped with earphones. For e most part the tape was dible but it was necesary to ten with a tanscript to unrstand it properly.

There was a great deal of ckground noise, bangs and ımps, scrapes and scratches, ughs and laughs. At one stage e President was speaking on e telephone to Mr Clark ıcGregor, the campaign ınager and was clearly heard ling him: "Wel, don't bug anyone without asking me." The court burst into laughter at that point.

Mr Nixon's voice was deep and loud, Mr Haldeman's very light and Mr John Dean, sitting listening to himself in the witness box, sounds just as monotonous and boring on tape as he does in the flesh.

The morning session was once again delayed by lawyers' arguments.

The dozen or so defence lawyers produce an average of one objection and one motion for mistrial or acquittal a day each.

The most notable of the lawyers Mr John Wilson, for Mr Haldeman, muttered darkly at one point that he would put one of the Judge's rulings into his error bag. Most of the motions and objections are being made with an eye to an appeal, when the lawyers will endeavour to overturn any convictions on the grounds of mistakes made by the judge.

Washington, Oct 17.—Mr Nixon today sought a court order to prevent the White House from releasing any more of his tapes except those already under subpoena or needed for the Watergate trial.

Mr Herbert Miller, Mr Nixon's lawyer, said that his client wanted the right to review material sought by any new subpoenas to determine whether the tapes are protected by executive privilege or his right of privacy.

In view of a large number of pending law suits where the documents might be sought as evidence, Mr Miller expected that more subpoenas would be issued.—UPI.

Ir Ford wins the day on iilitary aid to Turkey

Vashington, Oct 17.—Presi- ıt Ford today vetoed for the ond time a controversial asure to cut off military aid Turkey, and the House of presentatives promptly upd his move by a narrow mar-

short while after the Presit rejected the proposal to ail Turkish aid, the House, ı heavy abstenteeism, voted 81 on the move to override veto, falling two votes short the necessary two-thirds ded to overturn the rejection. ınce the House failed to ride the veto, leaders were ed to work out a new comnise

It takes a two-third majority by both the House and the Senate to overturn veto. Congressional leaders alleged that the veto meant the United States was now endorsing Turkish arms shipments to Cyprus. —Reuter.

Our Diplomatic Staff writes: Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot Vice-President, is expected in London on Sunday or Monday. He will be here for a few days on his way to the United Nations in New York, where a General Assembly debate on Cyprus is expected to start about October 28. He is likely to see British ministers while he is here.

ccused Swapo ader says olice hit him

m Our Correspondent
e Town, Oct 17

he national chairman of the th West African Peoples' anization, (Swapo), Mr id Meroro, aged 57, said in Vindhoek court this week he had been assaulted by ce while in custody.

r Meroro, a businessman of ıtura, Windhoek, is facing on a charge of possessing ned literature. He was sted on February 7 and was incommunicado under the orism Act

told the court that he had required to stand throughinterrogation from early ning to sunset. Refused perion to go to the lavatory, he told to wet his pants. A or Schoon struck him for g impertinent.

earlier evidence, a police er, Major G. J. Stadler said Merro, whose cell measured by 12ft, had not been ved out for exercise een late March and some in June. The trial was urned until January 13.

Mr Trudeau to visit Paris and Brussels

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, Oct 17

Mr Trudeau, the Prime Minister, sets out on Sunday on his first official visit to Europe since taking office more than six years ago.

Accompanied by his wife Margaret, the Prime Minister will fly to Paris for two days of talks with President Giscard d'Estaing and M Chirac, the Prime Minister.

On Wednesday and Thursday he will be in Brussels for discussions with Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, and officials of the European Community. He returns to Ottawa next Friday.

Mr Trudeau has long been Canada's most-travelled Prime Minister, having visited countries as far away as the Antipodes, and as close as the United States. He has also been to the Soviet Union, China, Japan, Malaysia, India, Iran and Ceylon.

He visited Britain briefly two years ago for talks with Mr Heath.

orture charges against 7 Greek officers

ı Our Correspondent
ns, Oct 17

Constantine Fafoutis, the ns chief public prosecutor, unced today that 17 police Army officers have been ged with torturing political ners during the years of the ary dictatorship.

rmal charges of "repeated of authority" and "causserious physical injury" lodged against 13 officers he security police, one arme, and three officers of notorious Boyati military n, near Athens. The charges to the specific cases of rsons who gave evidence of l treatment while under tion.

Fafoutis said if further nce emerged in the course ne pre-trial investigation, ı has now been opened, further charges may be made.

The charges were made public after Mr Fafoutis studied the conclusions of a preliminary investigation by Mr Vassilios Pappas, a magistrate, who interrogated scores of witnesses.

The Athens prosecutor has also received a report on the preliminary judicial inquiry into the deaths and injuries at the clashes at Athens Polytechnic a year ago, when the Army and police put down a student uprising.

Meanwhile, Mr Demetrios Bitsios, a career diplomat, was sworn in today as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Mr Constantine Karamanlis's caretaker Government. He is taking over from Mr George Mavros, under whom he had served as Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

rael Government seeks lp from religious party

Eric Marsden
alem, Oct 17

Rabin, Israel's Prime ter, tonight met leaders of lational Religious Party to them to join his Govern- . His decision to co-opt NRP was approved by the ır Party's central come last night.

th 12 seats in the 120-seat set, the NRP could increase Government's strength to iving it a majority of 26 ıd of the present two. It ely to accept the portfolios eligious Affairs, Interior Social Welfare, left vacant the election in December ıe hope that the party l rejoin the coalition which it left because of disagreement over the definition of who is a Jew.

The net gain may not be so high. Earlier yesterday Mr Rabin saw leaders of Mapam, the left-wing partner in the ruling alignment, and Mrs Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Party.

Mapam is likely to acquiesce in the return of the NRP on condition that it does not hinder prospects of a Middle East peace settlement, but there is speculation that Mrs Aloni and her two Knesset colleagues, who fought the election on a secularist platform, will go into opposition rather than serve with the religious party.

India asks US for more food assistance

From Michael Hornsby
Delhi, Oct 17

With several Indian states reeling under the scourge of famine, the Government in Delhi has swallowed its pride and is discreetly negotiating a resumption of food aid from America to help to offset an expected decline of at least 10 per cent in the autumn grain crop.

This has been a painful, and potentially politically embarrassing decision for Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, who rashly declared in 1972, after a run of good harvests, that India would never have to rely on American food aid again.

From 1956 to 1972 the United States supplied India with 60 million tonnes of grain on concessionary terms under the so-called PL 480 agreement. This provided for repayment into a rupee account on which the American Embassy was permitted to draw to meet certain of its expenses.

This arrangement was held by nationalist circles in India to be demeaning for a sovereign country. The American claims in rupees on the Indian economy did in fact grow to impossibly huge proportions, and last December Washington effectively wrote off the greater part of the Indian debt.

America has abolished the system of local currency payment for food aid. But, even paid for in dollars, concessionary supplies of grain on easy repayment and low interest terms, such as the Indians are now seeking, would apparently still bear the politically emotive PL 480 level.

A starving Indian, too weak to move, waits to die.

The Americans have not so far responded very sympathetically to India's difficulties, partly because they nurse a grievance over what they feel to have been Indian ingratitude in the past. There is also the practical factor that the United States is no longer producing the huge grain surpluses of the 1960s.

The United States is understood to have indicated its willingness to supply 500,000 tonnes on concessionary terms, which is not much when set against a possible total Indian import requirement in 1974-75 of 10 million tonnes. (Delhi is believed to have arranged already for the purchase of several million tonnes on a straight commercial basis from various suppliers.)

Food aid is certain to feature prominently in talks here later this month between Mrs Gandhi and Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, though this may not be admitted publicly. Mrs Gandhi is expected to press for a substantially larger American commitment.

An unknown factor in the food import equation is the possibility of a repetition of last year's loan of two million tonnes of wheat by the Soviet Union. So far all the signs are that a recent Indian mission to Moscow, led by Mr D. P. Dhar, the Planning Minister, came away empty-handed.

Low-interest loans: The International Monetary Fund proposes to provide larger amounts on lower interest to the developing countries. This facility will be available as a temporary measure to enable the developing countries to tide over their difficulties on account of the oil price rises.

This was stated in Delhi today by Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director and chairman of the board of governors of the IMF. He said the fund by itself could not find long-term solutions. Nevertheless, it was considering whether something could be done next year to lighten the burden of the poorer countries.

The IMF was working on some changes in its articles of incorporation to bring about restructuring in its operations to make it more useful.

Bengal famine, page 16

American expelled

Rio de Janeiro, Oct 17.—Mr Frederick Morris, a former Methodist missionary from America, accused of subversion and reported to have been tortured by Brazilian security police, was expelled from Brazil last night.—Reuter.

Western reporter attends Soviet trial

Moscow, Oct 17.—Soviet officials, in an unprecedented move, today allowed a Western reporter and leading dissidents to attend the opening of the trial for careless driving of a Jewish activist, Mr Viktor Polsky.

Mr Polsky, a physicist, aged 44, is charged with injuring a girl pedestrian last March. A defence statement made available to foreign reporters before the trial began argued that the girl had tried to commit suicide.

When foreign correspondents went to the central Moscow courthouse today, they were allowed into the building and up to the third floor, with leading Jewish activists and two lawyers from California

When police opened the doors of the room they first allowed in men in raincoats. Then Mr Mark Brayne, a Reuter reporter, Mrs Yelena Bonner—wife of the dissident physicist Mr Andrei Sakharov—and one of the United States lawyers were let through.

It was the first time in recent years that a foreign reporter or a legal observer from the West had been allowed to attend a trial alleged by Soviet dissidents to be politically motivated.

Also allowed in was another Jewish activist, Mr Alexander Goldfarb. He speaks English and was to act as interpreter

A total of 10 witnesses went in for the opening of the hearing.—Reuter.

Australia is to run down Woomera range

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Oct 17

Activities at the Woomera rocket range will be run down when current British work there ceases, Mr Lance Barnard, the Australian Defence Minister, told Parliament in Canberra today.

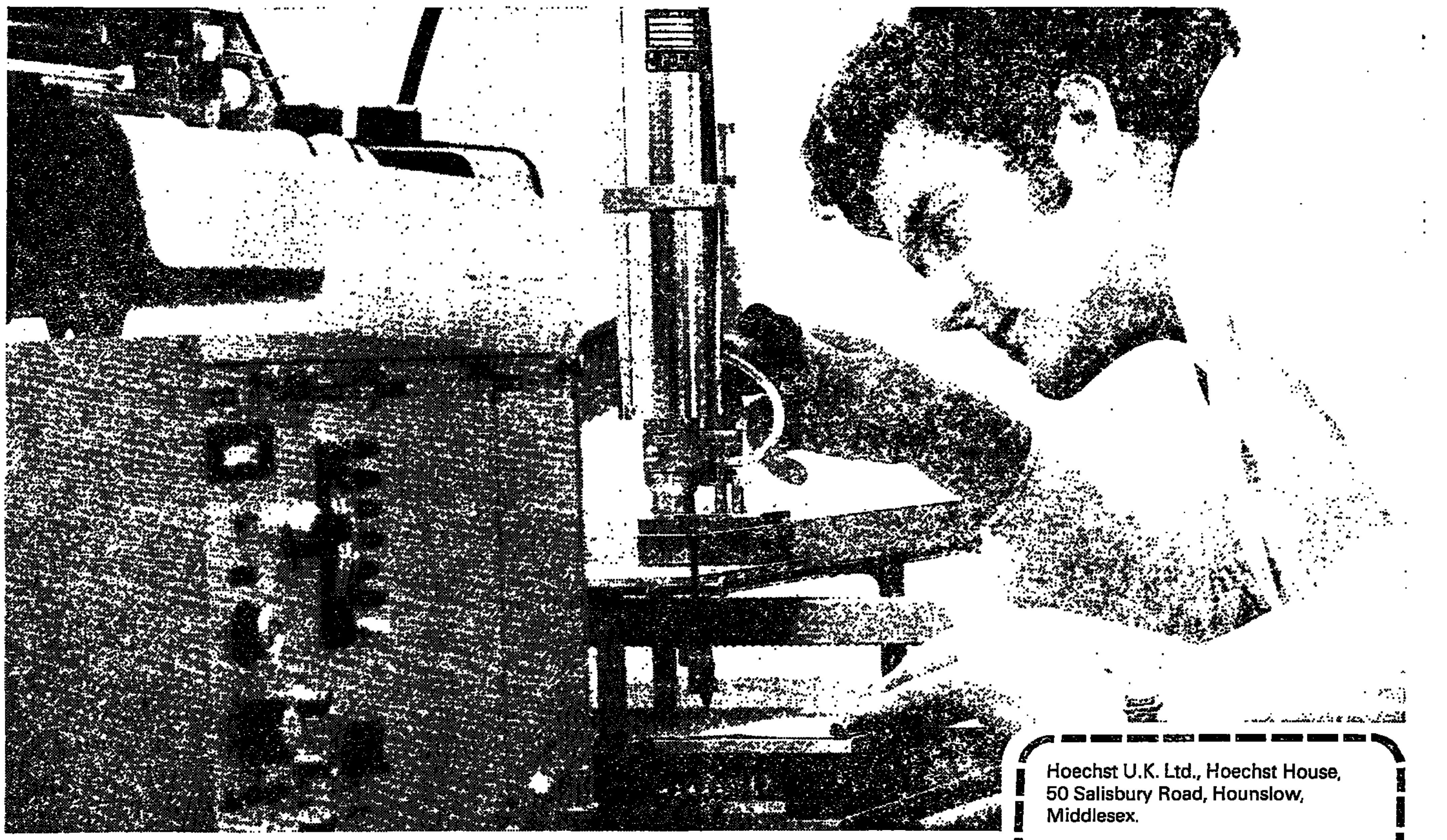
Woomera would continue to operate but at a reduced level, and staff at the range would be found new jobs elsewhere in the public service. Work at the range would be frozen but the base would not be closed down in case it was needed in the future.

Peking scoffs at Mao stroke report

From David Bonavia
Peking, Oct 17

The Chinese Foreign Ministry said today that a recent report in a London newspaper regarding Chairman Mao Tse-tung's health was "out and out rumour-mongering".

The ministry's spokesman made no further comment on the report, published by *The Daily Telegraph*, which alleged that Chairman Mao suffered a severe stroke at the end of September, although he met President Bongo of Gabon on October 5.



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Hoechst keeps thinking ahead

President Ford tells subcommittee he pardoned Mr Nixon because of 'urgent needs of a rising nation'

Washington, Oct 17.—Following are extracts from President Ford's statement today to the House of Representatives judiciary subcommittee on criminal justice on his pardoning *of former President Richard* Nixon:

We meet here today to review the facts and circumstances that were the basis for my pardon of former President Nixon on September 8, 1974.

I want very much to have those facts and circumstances known. The American people want to know them. And members of the Congress want to know them. The two congressional resolutions of inquiry now before this committee serve those purposes. That is why I have volunteered to appear before you this morning, and I welcome and thank you for this opportunity to speak to the questions raised by the resolutions.

My appearance at this hearing of your distinguished subcommittee *of the House committee on the* judiciary has been looked upon as an unusual historic event—one that has no firm precedent in the whole history of presidential relations with the Congress. Yet, I am here not to make history, but to report on history.

The history you are interested in covers so recent a period that it is still not well understood. If, with your assistance, I can make for better understanding of the pardon of our former President, then we can help to achieve the purpose I had for granting the pardon when I did.

That purpose was to change our national focus. I wanted to do all I could to shift our attentions from the pursuit of a fallen President to the pursuit of the urgent needs of a rising nation. Our nation is under the severest of challenges now to employ its full energies and efforts in the pursuit of a sound and growing economy at home and a stable and peaceful world around us.

We would needlessly be diverted from meeting those challenges if we as a people were to remain sharply divided over whether to indict, bring to trial, and punish a former President, who already is condemned to suffer long and *deeply in the shame and disgrace* brought upon the office he held.

Surely, we are not a revengeful people. We have often demonstrated a readiness to feel compassion and to act out of mercy. As a people we have a long record of *forgiving even those* who have been our country's most destructive foes.

Yet, to forgive is not to forget the lessons of evil in whatever ways evil had operated against us. And certainly the pardon granted *the former President will not* cause us to forget the evils of Watergate-type offences or to forget the lessons we have learnt that a Government which deceives its supporters and treats its opponents as enemies must never, *never be tolerated.*

The pardon power entrusted to the President under the constitution of the United States has a long history and rests on precedents going back centuries before our constitution was drafted and adopted.

The power has been used sometimes as Alexander Hamilton saw its purpose: "In seasons of insurrection . . . when a well-timed offer of pardon to the insurgents or rebels may restore the tranquillity of the Commonwealth—and which, if suffered to pass unimproved, it may never be possible afterwards to recall."

1. Other times it has been applied to one person as "an act of grace . . . which exempts the individual, on whom it is bestowed, from the punishment the law inflicts for a crime he has committed".

2. When a pardon is granted, it also represents "the determination of the ultimate authority that the public welfare will be better served by inflicting less than what the judgment fixed".

3. However, the constitution does not limit the pardon power to cases of convicted offenders or even indicted offenders.

4. *Thus, I am firm in my con*viction that as President I did have the authority to proclaim a pardon for the former President when I did.

Yet, I can also understand why people are moved to question my action. Some may still question my authority, but I find much of the disagreement turns on whether I should have acted when I did. Even then many people have concluded as I did that the pardon was in the best interests of the country because it came at a time when it would best serve *the pur*pose I have stated.

I come to this hearing in a spirit of cooperation to respond to your inquiries. I do so with the understanding that the subjects to be covered are defined and *limited by the questions as they* appear in the resolutions before you. But even then we may not mutually agree on what information falls within the proper scope of inquiry by the Congress.

I feel a responsibility, as you do, that each separate branch of our Government must preserve a degree of confidentiality for its internal communications. Congress, for its part, has seen the wisdom of assuring that members be permitted to work under conditions of confidentiality. Indeed, earlier this year the United States Senate passed a resolution which reads in part as follows:

". . . No evidence under the control and in the possession of the Senate of the United States can, by the mandate of process of the ordinary courts of justice, be taken from such control or possession, but by its permission." (S. Res. 338, passed June 12, 1974.)

In United States v Nixon, 42 U.S.L.W. 5237, 5244 (US July 24, 1974), the Supreme Court unanimously recognized a rightful sphere of confidentiality within the executive branch which the court determined could only be invaded for overriding reasons of the Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the constitution.

As I have stated before, my own view is that the right of executive privilege is to be exercised with caution and restraint. When I was a member of Congress, I did not hesitate to question the right of the executive branch to claim a privilege against supplying information to the Congress if I thought the claim of privilege was being abused.

Yet, I did then, and I do now, respect the right of executive privilege when it protects advice given to a President in the expectation that it will not be disclosed. Otherwise, no President could any longer count on receiving free and frank views from people designated to help him reach his official decisions.

Also, it is certainly not my intention or even within my authority to detract on this occasion or in any other instance from the generally recognized rights of the President to preserve the confidentiality *of internal discussions* or *communi*cations whenever it is properly within his constitutional responsibility to do so. These rights are within the authority of any President while he is in office, and I *believe may be exercised as well* by a past President if the information sought pertains to his official functions when he was serving in office.

I bring up these important points before going into the balance of my statement, so there can be no doubt that I remain mindful of the rights of confidentiality which a President may and ought to exercise in appropriate situations. However, I do not regard my answers as I have prepared them for purposes of this inquiry to be prejudicial to those *rights* in the present circumstances or to constitute a precedent for responding to congressional inquiries different in nature or scope or under different circumstances.

Accordingly, I shall proceed to explain as fully as I can *in* my present answers the facts and circumstances covered by the present resolutions of inquiry. I shall start with an explanation of these events which were the first to occur in the period covered by the inquiry, before I became President. Then I will respond to the separate questions as they are numbered in H. Res 1367 and as they specifically relate to the period after I became President.

H Res 1367 before this subcommittee asks for information about *certain conversations that may have* occurred over a period that includes when I was a member of Congress or the Vice-President. In that entire period no references or discussions on a possible pardon for then President Nixon occurred until August 1 and 2, 1974.

You will recall that since the beginning of the Watergate investigations, I had consistently made statements and speeches about President Nixon's innocence of either planning the break-in or of participating in the cover-up. I sincerely believed he was innocent.

Even in the closing months before the President resigned, I made public statements that in my opinion the adverse revelations so far did not constitute an impeachable offence. I was coming under increasing criticism for such public statements, but I still believed them to be true based on the facts as he knew them.

In the early morning of Thursday, August 1, 1974, I had a meeting in my Vice-Presidential office, with Alexander M. Haig, jr, Chief of Staff for President Nixon. At this meeting, I was told in a general way about fears arising because of additional tape evidence scheduled for delivery to Judge Sirica on Monday, August 5, 1974. I was told that there could be evidence which, when disclosed to the House of Representatives, would likely tip the vote in favour of impeachment. However, I was given no indication that this development would lead to any change in President Nixon's plans to oppose the impeachment vote.

Then shortly after noon, General Haig requested another appointment as promptly as possible. He came to my office about 3.30 pm for a meeting that was to last for approximately threequarters of an hour. Only then did I learn of the damaging nature of a conversation on June 23, 1972, in one of the tapes which was due to go to Judge Sirica the following Monday.

I describe *this meeting* because at one point it did include references to a possible pardon for Mr Nixon, to which the third and fourth questions in H. Res. 1367 are directed. However, nearly the entire meeting covered other subjects, *all dealing with the totally* new situation resulting from the critical evidence on the tape of June 23, 1972.

General Haig told me he had been told of the new and damaging evidence by lawyers on the White House staff who had firsthand knowledge of what was on the tape. The substance of his conversation was that the new disclosure would be devastating, even catastrophic, in so far as President Nixon was concerned. Based on what he had learnt of the conversation on the tape, he wanted to know whether I was prepared to assume the Presidency within a very short time, and whether I would be willing to make recommendations to the President as to what course he should now follow.

President Ford addressing the judiciary subcommittee yesterday.

I cannot really express adequately in words how shocked and stunned I was by this unbelievable *revelation. First, was the sudden* awareness I was likely to become President under these most troubled circumstances — and secondly, the realization that these new disclosures ran completely counter to the position I had taken for *months, in that I believed* the President was not guilty of any impeachable offence.

General Haig in his conversation at my office went on to tell me of discussions in the White House among those who knew of this new evidence.

General Haig asked for my assessment of the whole situation. He wanted my thoughts about the timing of a resignation, if that decision were to be made, and *about how to do it and accomplish* an orderly change of administration. We discussed what scheduling problems there might be and what the early organizational problems would be.

General Haig outlined for me *President Nixon's situation as he* saw it and the different views in the White House as to the course of action that might be available, and which were being advanced by various people around him on the White House staff. As I recall there were different major courses being considered:

1. Some suggested "riding it out" by letting the impeachment take its course through the House *and the Senate trial, fighting* all the way against conviction.

2 Others were urging resignation sooner or later. I was told some people backed the first course and other people a resignation but not with the same views *as to how and when it should* take place.

On the resignation issue, there were put forth a number of options which General Haig reviewed with me. As I recall his conversation, various possible options being considered included:

1. The President temporarily step aside under the twenty-fifth Amendment.

2. Delaying resignation until further along the impeachment process.

3. Trying first to settle for a censure vote as a means of avoiding either impeachment or a need to resign.

4. The question of whether the President could pardon himself.

5. Pardoning various Watergate defendants, then himself, followed by resignation.

6. A pardon to the President, should he resign.

The rush of events placed an urgency on what was to be done. It became even more critical in view of a prolonged impeachment trial which was expected to last possibly four months or longer.

The impact of the Senate trial on the country, the handling of possible international crises, the economic situation here at home, and the marked slowdown in the decision-making process within the Federal *Government* were *all factors* to be considered and were discussed.

The President read his statement calmly and without emotion, and then submitted to questioning from the subcommittee members.

The first questioner was Mr Robert Kastenmeier, a liberal Democrat from Wisconsin, who asked if before deciding on a pardon Mr Ford had confirmed whether Mr Nixon would be indicted.

Mr Ford replied that he had been given a list of 10 possible charges and added: "On the other hand, there was, I think, *well-known information that* there was a distinct possibility of Mr Nixon being indicted on grounds of obstructing justice."

Mr Kastenmeier also asked if there were any other possible indictments "where the former President might need to be protected."

"I know of *no* other possible criminal charge", the President replied.

In response to a question from Mr Henry Smith, a New York Republican, Mr Ford said Vice-President designate Nelson Rockefeller had given him no advice on whether or not to pardon Mr Nixon.

Mr Ford also said he held no discussion with Mr Nixon about the question of a pardon before the former President named him as Vice-President last year. There has been some speculation that Mr Ford would not have been picked as Vice-President unless he had promised to pardon Mr Nixon if the issue ever arose.

President Ford told Mr Don Edwards, a California Democrat, that he could not comment on whether mercy should be shown to former Nixon aides now on trial for alleged Water*gate offences* as they were still being tried.

Mr Wiley Mayne, an Iowa Republican who is in a close race for reelection next month, told the *President*: "*I was very* distressed about the granting of the pardon, especially at this early stage. Do you not now feel that you perhaps acted too hastily in this case?"

Mr *Ford replied*: "I *have* thought about this a great deal. I had to look at this factual situation—that if I granted the pardon when I did, as quickly as possible, it would permit the *Government to proceed* to the solution of problems."

Representative Elizabeth Holtzman, a Democrat from New York, said the subcommittee's inquiry was prompted in part by "dark suspicions" in the public's mind about the pardon.

She said some people suspected the pardon was accompanied by a deal that any tape recordings between Mr Ford and Mr Nixon would *never* be released.

The President said: "Those tapes, under the opinion of the Attorney General which I sought, according to the Attorney General and under past precedent, belong to President Nixon."

The President continued: "Those tapes will not be delivered to anybody until satisfactory agreement is reached with the Special Prosecutor's office. His office requested that.

"As long as we are holding them for his benefit, I see no way they can be destroyed, or be kept from proper utilization in *criminal proceedings*.

"The tapes belong to Mr Nixon, according to the Attorney General, but they are being held for the benefit of the Special Prosecutor," the President said.

President Ford refused to answer directly when asked by Mr James Mann, a Democrat from South Carolina, whether a bank president, state governor or Supreme Court Chief Justice would also be entitled to a presidential pardon if indicted for a criminal offence.

"I do not think I should answer a hypothetical question of that kind", President Ford said.

Mr Mann: "You have heard the maxim that the law is no respecter of persons?"

Mr Ford: "Certainly it should be (no respecter of persons)".

Mr Lawrence Hogan (Republican, Maryland) asked whether he thought Mr Nixon's acceptance of a pardon amounted to an admission of guilt.

"*I do, sir* . . ." Mr Ford replied. "Acceptance of a pardon, according to legal authorities, does indicate that by the evidence that person accepting the pardon does admit guilt."

Replying to more questions, the President said that General Haig merely presented a set of options in his talk to Mr Ford before President Nixon resigned and did not make any recommendations.

He denied a press report that Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State, told him that he feared Mr Nixon would commit suicide.

At the end of the questions Mr Ford thanked the committee "For the fine and fair way this hearing has been conducted.

"I hope that I have at last cleared the air so that most Americans will understand what was done and why it was done", he asserted.—Reuter.

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'Argentinization' by Señora Perón

Buenos Aires, Oct 17.—President Maria Estela Perón today announced what she described as the "Argentinization" of three foreign companies operating here.

Speaking at a rally celebrating Peronist "loyalty day" she said she had just signed a decree to implement the measure affecting affiliates of Siemens, of West Germany, International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation, of the United States, and the largely Swiss-owned Compania Italo-Argentina de Electricidad.

It was not immediately clear if the measure meant full nationalization or whether the Government would seek a majority interest in the companies.

Earlier this week Señor José Gelbard, the Economy Minister, said the Government was studying the possibility of setting up mixed companies with Siemens Argentina and the ITT affiliate, Standard Electric.

"Loyalty Day" marks a revolt 29 years ago which paved *the way for the late General* Perón's first presidency. It was the first time for 20 years that Perónists have publicly celebrated the day and they frequently interrupted the President's speech with cheers and slogan chanting. Before she spoke a minute's silence was observed for General Perón who died on July 1.—Reuter.

Geneva, Oct 17.—The executive committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees today voted to spend $12.3m (£5m) on aid to refugees next year with $2.9m going to refugees from Chile, both Chilean and non-Chilean.

The greater part of this latter allocation will be for Argentina, where *15,000 Chileans* are expected to settle.—Reuter.

Stuart Stirling writes from Buenos Aires: The forthcoming meeting of foreign ministers of the Organization of American States, *due next month in the* Ecuador capital of Quito, may mark a turning point in Latin America's future relations with Cuba.

It will come in the wake of a *nonalignment* "*third stand*" movement which is gathering momentum among American governments who wish to shed Washington's economic and political influence, exerted on the southern continent since the Monroe doctrine.

The OAS will be voting on a proposal presented by Venezuela, Colombia and Costa Rica to end the economic embargo which was imposed on Cuba by the OAS in 1964, after a complaint by the then right-wing Government of Venezuela alleging that Cuba had been interfering in its internal *affairs*.

Political observers believe that the Quito conference may vote the two-thirds majority necessary to carry the motion ending the embargo. There are also indications that Washington is revising its own policy towards the Castro Government and this, political observers believe, may result in a thawing of relations under *the new Administration in the* White House.

Local councils abolished by Ethiopians

Addis Ababa, Oct 17.—Ethiopia's military leaders today abolished all municipal councils throughout the country, saying that those serving on them had been illegally elected and were a financial burden

The Military Council added that until a new law was introduced for the election of competent councillors, all councils in cities and towns in the 14 provinces were abolished

The military rulers today also accused Patriarch Abuna Theophilos, of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, and the church itself of tax evasion.

The council accused the patriarch of owing the Government the equivalent of £100,000

The Military Council said that if the church failed to pay it would face nationalization of the buildings and land on which tax had not been paid.

It has been estimated that the Orthodox Church owns *about 20 per cent of the coun*try's farm land.—Reuter.

Poet becomes chief editor of 'Novy Mir'

From Edmund Stevens

Moscow, Oct 17

The appointment of Sergei Narovchatov, the poet, to be chief editor of the literary magazine *Novy Mir* caused hardly a ripple in the Soviet world of letters. This was different from the furore in January, 1970, when Alexander Tvardovsky, the *poet*, was replaced *by* Valery Kosolapov, a journalist.

Mr Tvardovsky not only championed de-Stalinization and liberalization in his own writings, but was also constantly discovering and promoting fresh *talent*, including Alexander Solzhenitsyn, whose only writings published in the Soviet Union were in the pages of *Novy Mir*.

Ilya Ehrenburg's memoirs, the most significant Soviet work in this genre, were serialized first in *Novy Mir*. Virtually every Soviet author of merit appeared in the magazine as well as *distinguished foreign* writers.

In the final years of Mr Tvardovsky's editorship, when he was ailing, he left the editing of *Novy Mir* largely to his *brilliant young pupil Vladimir* Lakshin, whose brash literary criticisms often kindled lively controversy. When Mr Tvardovsky left *Novy Mir* Mr Lakshin also went.

Mr Narovchatov, who took over his duties today, is a respectable establishment poet and party member who recently turned 55. He studied at the Gorky Literary Institute in *Moscow, from which* he graduated in 1941.

He spent part of the winter of 1939-40 with a volunteer student brigade fighting the Finns. He served in the army *in the Second World War* from 1941 to 1945. His first book, a collection of war poems, was published in 1948 under the title of *Bonfire*.

A second book of war verses *Soldier of Freedom* appeared in 1952.

Yugoslavia opposes world communist talks

From Dessa Trevisan

Belgrade, Oct 17

Soviet endeavours to muster support for a world communist conference suffered a serious setback today when the Yugoslav delegate told a consultative conference of European parties in Warsaw that conditions for a world communist summit meeting "did not exist" and that the Yugoslav party was, therefore, opposed to it.

Speaking on the second day of the meeting, convened to set the date for a European communist conference, Mr Alexander Grlickov echoed the point made yesterday by Signor Giancarlo Pajetta, member of the Italian party's Politburo, that the meeting should not deal with matters concerning the convocation of a world conference but confine itself to Europe only.

The Romanians also issued a statement in which they ex*pressed a similar point* of view, favouring informal wider contacts but opposing decisions that would be binding for all parties. Such decisions would infringe the independence and sovereignty of individual parties, the statement asserted.

The Yugoslavs have aired similar reservations, and Mr Grlickov made clear that Yugoslavia's participation in the preparatory stages would in no way commit Belgrade to attend the European summit.

Mr Grlickov voiced Yugoslavia's misgivings about such gatherings when he said that past experience demanded that this time there should be full publicity and frankness. This *meant that the press must be* fully informed

But he warned the delegates against any attempt to criticize another party's policy, absent or present, or to impose decisions which other parties may disagree with. He also rejected any idea of a single centre for world communism, saying that attempts to reestablish one were not only "unrealistic" but outright harmful for socialism in general.

The Russians see the European meeting as a step towards a full-scale world communist conference and Mr Grlickov left no doubt that this is precisely what the Yugoslavs are opposed to.

He said bluntly that it would be wrong for the Warsaw meeting to discuss the questions connected with a world conference, for which, in the Yugoslav party's opinion, the conditions were not ripe and which, he said, would merely be an attempt to impose the Soviet point of view.

Biggest space object photographed

New York, Oct 17—Dutch radio astronomers have "photographed" the largest object yet discovered in the universe. They used a *multiple-antenna* system of the type that won a Nobel prize for physics this week for Sir Martin Ryle, the head of the radio astronomy group at Cambridge University.

The photograph, an image derived from radio emissions, was made available yesterday. It shows an object so far flung that light, travelling at 186,000 miles a second, takes *18,600,000 years to cross* its width. It is thus about three times bigger than the largest previously known component of the universe.

Until now it was believed that clusters of galaxies were the largest units. Some of them are formed of several thousand galaxies, each comparable to the Milky Way galaxy to which the Eartr, the Sun and the planets belong.

A typical cluster is about three million light years wide. That is, it takes light three million years to cross it, although a few are twice that size.

The newly found structure lies beyond the constellation Leo Minor, far beyond the Milky Way galaxy and its neighbours. A somewhat smaller one has also been found in the direction of the constellation Lynx. They are believed to have been produced by cataclysmic explosions within a central and relatively brilliant core.

These explosions apparently generated jets of gas that are still flying out in opposite directions. The observed radio emissions are presumably produced by swirling motions within this gas.

The photograph has been derived from data collected by the Westerbork synthesis radio telescope in the Netherlands. A contour map of radio intensities generated by the object was published several weeks ago by astronomers from the University of Leyden in the British scientific journal *Nature*.

On Tuesday, the day the Novel awards in physics were announced, another major discovery deriving from work for which the prize was given was described in a presentation at the Institute for Advanced Study of Princeton University. This was the identification of a pulsar to orbit around an extremely dense object.

The discovery was reported by Dr Joseph H. Taylor, of the Univerity of Massachusetts in Amherst, who with Mr Russell A. Hulse, found the object during a systematic search for new pulsars. Discovery of the first pulsars, in 1967, has won for Professor Antony Hewish the Nobel prize that he will share with Sir Martin Ryle.

The finding of a pulsar that is whirling in tight circles with another object was hailed by theorists at the Institute for Advanced Study as of major importance. "Now, perhaps, for the first time the effects of general relativity will begin to emerge from the noise", one astrophysicist said.

The opportunities for research relate to the nature of pulsars, the manner in which their rhythmic radio pulses are generated, and the precise effects of relativity on time.

Because the pulsar, in its calculated orbit, seems to come close to a very massive object, the gravity of that object, according to the predictions of relativity, should make the pulse rate appear slower during each such close passage.

Because the Dutch university's antenna system is able to map in detail the expanding gas cloud left by a stellar explosion, or "supernova", it is hoped that these observations will reveal the cloud left by the supernova that gave birth to the orbiting pulsar.—New York Times News Service.

Owner arrested after 18 die in Seoul hotel fire

Seoul, Oct 17.—Eighteen people died in a fire which *gutted a nine-storey hotel* early today, and police later arrested the owner and two employees.

The police said the fire was caused by a short circuit in a fourth-floor corridor of the new Namsan Hotel, which is not far from the 22-storey hotel where more than 160 people died in a Christmas Eve fire in 1971.

More than 40 people were injured in today's blaze, 14 seriously. The police said that the heavy casualties were due to insufficient hotel fire-fighting equipment and thick smoke and gas from burning carpets and wallpaper.—Reuter.

Russia denies Chile prisoners deal

Moscow, Oct 17.—The Soviet Union today denied that it was preparing to free some political *prisoners in return for Chile's* release of leftists held since the 1973 coup.—Reuter.

Chess adjourned again

Moscow, Oct 17.—Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi again adjourned the thirteenth game of their chess match today after 96 moves. Karpov holds a 2—0 lead.—AP.

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George: Homeless, and only able to find temporary accommodation.

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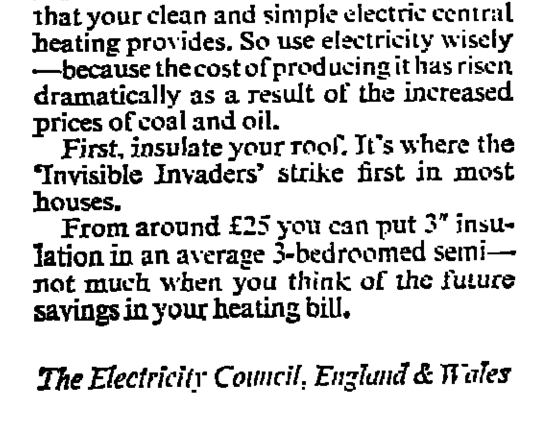

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Golf

Fog halts first round play and cuts event to 63 holes

From Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent
Venice, Oct 17

When the sun finally struggled through to the Lido course here today it was too late to allow a full day's play in the Italian Open championship. Scores were restricted to nine holes and the championship to 63 holes at the most. If fog returns tomorrow another nine holes will be played starting at the 10th so that one whole round will have been completed before the field is reduced. The weather was glorious by lunchtime but in this area and in his season of autumnal mists the worst must be expected.

It was one of those maddening lays when a seven o'clock start vas possible and Howard Clark laying in a twosome at the head f the field was through the turn fter 90 minutes. But the fog losed in again slowing down verything except the taxi drivers. ne of the first to be affected was ohn Miller, who was halted by ne fog after three holes for about ne hour. In the presence of a quadron of ducks and 30 faithful ollowers he stood about in the eld showing tolerance, all the ore impressive in view of the different start he had made. In ne nick of time before the cancellation of the whole day the sun ame to the rescue and drew aside ne veil from a course not immediately showing signs of championship quality but having considerable charm.

Clearly some thinking will have be done before risking another ontinental championship at such uncertain time of year in this ace. The magic name of Venice nnot clear the fairways of delays. or can it remove the danger of e event not being completed even en the field is restricted to wer than 120. George O'Grady, e PGA director, who is in charge the event, had a difficult day, apart from having to make the y decision he did not appear to ve any means of transport on e course. He acted sensibly and olly. Nine holes is not ideal in championship—the British PGA ampionship was once won over holes—but it is clearly better n abandoning play and losing a rious afternoon's golf or of king an uncompleted day.

Miller was bunkered beside the t green and plugged in a bunker rt of the second. He holed from e feet for his four at the first at the second after blasting out took three putts missing a slipy one of two feet. Addressing short pitch to the third he : "where did that pin go?" the fog rolled in but he pitched eight feet and holed to get a oke back. Came the delay, the e spent in discussing, among er subjects, the role of the die on the green.

Miller's caddie, brought with him n America, squats at a discreet ance behind Miller on the line the putt in order to see how takes it and what there is to be learned from a missed putt. Miller is firm that a caddie should only give advice after the stroke has been made and disapproves of the habit of some on the American tour who take advice as they address the ball on the green. Miller also will not allow his caddie so near him if there is any wind.

Miller still had his putting touch with him when they resumed and at once holed from 20ft to wipe out the memory of his start. He saved his par after missing the green at the short hole and was still down in two after missing the seventh green. His final birdie which gave him 34 to the turn, one under par, was from 10ft. He recognizes a debt to his putter today.

In the turmoil of a distracted round he put a five down on Barnes's card at the sixth when in fact Barnes, after finding a greenside bunker with a long iron second, came out to 10ft and holed for a birdie four. Barnes signed for the wrong figure and his score stands at 37 although he took only 36 strokes.

Butler who had waited an hour on the first tee before being able to see clearly enough across the water got his touch on the greens from the start which gave him three birdies in the first five holes, two of them at short holes, although the fifth needed a two-iron to the green from him. Three putts on the sixth for a six—that green is one of the more uneven ones—rather spoilt the picture but he finished with three pars for a share of the early lead.

With him on 33 was one of the four Ballasteros brothers, from Northern Spain—Severiano, only 17 years old and already champion in the junior section of Spanish golf. The new recruits showed up reasonably well. Downie was among the leaders with 34, Chandler 36, and Ashby 37.

O'Leary played probably better than anyone all day, and he was the first of those who played through the nine holes in sunshine to return a low score. He was generous in saying that some had probably played well who scored only 38 or 39, especially among the late players, because the greens were getting so marked. His missed at least four times inside 10 feet and called anything over two feet in length a nightmare. Among those who took four putts on a single green were Brooks and the Italian professional, Dassu.

Leading scores

33: P. J. Butler (GB), S. Ballasteros (Spain), J. O'Leary (Ireland).
34: J. Miller (US), R. Paris (Italy), V. Fernandez (Argentina), S. Locatelli (Italy), S. Torrance (GB), S. Owen (NZ), J. Downie (GB).
35: R. Napoleoni (Italy), M. Pinero (Spain), R. Campagnoli (Italy).
36: A. Chandler (GB), E. Darcy (GB), T. Horton (GB), D. Chillas (GB), C. DeFoy (GB), A. Lionello (Italy), B. Ghezzo (Italy), O. Bolognesi (Italy), D. Small (GB).
37: H. Clark (GB), P. Oosterhuis (GB), V. Barrios (Spain), H. Bannerman (GB), H. Ashby (GB), F. Lang (Italy), B. Pascassio (France), A. R. Minshall (GB), A. Brooks (GB), D. Canonica (Italy), R. Bernardini (Italy), K. Gogele (Germany), H. Hansen (Denmark), M. Cosonza (Italy), P. Toussaint (Belgium), A. Mori (Italy), S. Betti (Italy), A. Schiaffino (Italy).

SYDNEY: New South Wales Open: 68, J. Newton: 70, E. Ball: 71, T. Linskey, P. Murray, W. Godfrey (New Zealand), I. Stanley, M. Bembridge (GB), A. Gresham: 72, K. Donohoe, E. Sneed (US), W. Macintosh (New Zealand), R. Taylor, R. Panasiuk (Canada), S. Ginn, B. Smith.

Football

Jago joins Millwall in London panic

By Norman Fox

In their writhing to escape from the financial perils of relegation, some of the threatened London clubs are playing managerial pass-the-parcel. David Sexton, sacked by Chelsea a fortnight ago, has taken over at Queen's Park Rangers, whose previous manager, Gordon Jago, yesterday succeeded Benny Fenton, at Millwall. The only London first division club not yet tempted into change of management is Arsenal, who on Wednesday went to the bottom of the table while Tottenham Hotspur were playing to a disillusioned little crowd of 12,823 despite Terry Neill's changes that were reported to have freed the players from the inhibitions of the old-fashioned methods of Nicholson and Baily.

In this panic-stricken atmosphere a manager can in one week be sitting alone in the back of a grandstand contemplating his failure and the next being welcomed to a new club like an apostle of certain success—the case being the true story of Mr Sexton. Similarly, only at the end of August Mr Jago said he had a plan to overcome pressures that had led to so many middle-aged managers being deposed. He would, he said, "quit at 50" and possibly become an administrator or public relations man. In the summer he was seen as one of England's brightest young managers; in the autumn he felt he had been relegated to the position of "team manager"; and now he is at Millwall, a club seemingly destined to remain for ever in the second division although that point would not be conceded by the new chairman, Herbert Burnige.

Jago yesterday with two Millwall players—Kitchener and Saul.

Mr Jago's career has taken several twists of fortune. As a player with Charlton Athletic, he was one of those who speculated in football in the United States but returned before it became fully established, and then became manager of Queen's Park Rangers in May, 1971. Under his direction, Rangers were promoted to the First Division and their pleasing football won them eighth place last season and a lot of compliments. However, wheels within wheels moved against each other in the recesses of the boardroom and after Venables had been transferred to Crystal Palace Bowles and Mancini appeared on the transfer list and even the diplomatic McLintock could not conceal his annoyance at the affairs that led to Rangers making a poor start to the season. Mr Jago resigned for the second time during his term at Loftus Road and this time did not come back, feeling that he could not manage without full authority to make policy decisions.

Mr Fenton resigned from Millwall on October 3 and since then the team has been run by Lawrie Leslie. The first job for Mr Jago will be to choose the side to play against Bristol Rovers tomorrow.

Although not reflected in attendance figures this season is developing into one of the most interesting for several years. The prospect of Arsenal, Tottenham and even Leeds United struggling to get their heads above the muddy waters is sadly fascinating and with Spurs and Arsenal meeting each other at White Hart Lane tomorrow there will not have been a more crucial North London derby in years. Peters, who has missed three of Tottenham's recent games, is fit.

Today's fixtures

THIRD DIVISION: Colchester United v Southend United (7.30).
FOURTH DIVISION: Cambridge United v Exeter City (7.30); Newport County v Northampton Town (7.15); Swansea City v Rochdale (7.0).
RUGBY UNION: Cross Keys v St Luke's College (7.15).
RUGBY LEAGUE: Second division: Whitehaven v Oldham (7.0).

Cricket

Prudential to sponsor world cup

The Prudential Assurance Company are to sponsor cricket's first world cup, which will be played in England next June. Eight teams from England, India, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Ceylon and East Africa, will compete for "Prudential Cup" between June 7 and June 21, the date of the final at Lord's.

The amount of sponsorship was not immediately disclosed, but it is understood to be over £100,000. A Lord's statement said that the object of covering the cost involved in staging the matches, bringing teams from all parts of the world and looking after them in this country, is now certain to be achieved.

All gate takings should now be profit, which will be distributed among the member countries of the International Cricket Conference (ICC), bringing financial benefit to the game throughout the world. The assurance company has been active in cricket sponsorship since 1972 when they introduced the Prudential Trophy matches, one-day games played against England's Test opponents at the conclusion of each series.

Mr Jack Bailey, secretary of MCC, who is also secretary of the ICC, said last night: "I am sure all member countries will be delighted that we have managed to obtain such a healthy sponsorship. This not only maintains Prudential's links with the game but ensures that the whole concept of cricket's first international limited over competitions is now economically viable."

The ICC will pay the expenses of a manager and 14 players from each particular country for the duration of the competition. The games will be 60 overs per side under Gillette Cup rules with the top two teams in each of two groups of four going forward to contest the semi-final rounds on a knockout basis.

Robins team say they are against apartheid too

Bridgetown, Oct 17.—The Derrick Robins cricket team, banned from Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana for their sporting contacts with South Africa, arrived here last night hoping their Caribbean tour may go on as originally planned.

The team manager, Leslie Ames, told an airport press conference they were disappointed by the action of the two governments, but he hoped to be able to explain through diplomatic channels that the team also opposed apartheid.

In the five days that the 15-man mixed team will be here for match practice, Mr Ames will be trying to put over the word that Derrick Robins and his team are striving to break down racial barriers in South Africa. "We are certainly disappointed by the action of the two governments. We cannot understand it", Mr Ames declared.

Asked if he did not think his method of contact with South Africa cut across the government's policy of isolation, the former England team manager replied: "I am not a politician. I am a cricketer and I will do anything to get all sides together. I hate to think that politics has come into cricket—but it has."

Mr Ames said the team's hopes for a change of heart in the Caribbean were based on a letter Mr Robins sent to Prime Minister Forbes Burnham, of Guyana, explaining his anti-apartheid stand. He said he hoped the Guyana decision was made before the letter was received.

The Pakistani cricketer, Mushtaq Mohammad, flew in with the team despite reports that he had been instructed by Pakistani authorities not to play. Mushtaq's career was not in jeopardy because of his touring with the Derrick Robins team, Mr Ames said. He added that the Pakistani captain, Intikhab Alam, explained he could not make the tour because of a cricket meeting at home later this month.

Greig denies that he criticised MCC selection

Lord's yesterday accepted Tony Greig's explanation that he knew nothing of an article in the *Melbourne Herald* in which he was alleged to have criticized the selection of the MCC party to tour Australia and New Zealand this winter.

Greig, the Sussex all-rounder and a member of the party which flies out to Australia on Monday, discussed the article with senior members of the Test and County Cricket Board at Lord's on Monday and yesterday they issued a statement supporting Greig's denial.

BBC radio listeners will hear daily Test match commentary from the tour. It will be on the air on Radio 3 from 6.30 am each day of the first three Tests and 5.30 am each day for the remaining three tests. The series starts on November 29. There will also be close-of-play reports on Radio 2 at 9.02 am for the first test, 10.02 am for the second test and 8.02 am for the remaining four matches.

ennis

dia to examine surances om S Africa

ew Delhi, Oct 17.—The All la Lawn Tennis Association, have refused to play South ica in the Davis Cup final, said y they are examining South ican assurances that they will x racial segregation in sport. aj Khanna, the secretary of association, said he had reed a cable from the president he South African Lawn Tennis ociation requesting India to ge their decision in the light the assurances by the South can government. "We are exing these assurances. That's I can say at present," Mr nna said.

dia entered the Davis Cup lenge round after defeating the et Union. South Africa ded Italy to reach the final. The rnational Lawn Tennis Federa- (ILTF) have given India until ber 31 to give their final sion.—UPI.

Connors to play in final stages of Dewar Cup

James Connors, the Wimbledon and United States champion, has entered for the final stages of the Dewar Cup indoor tennis series. Connors was not expected to play because of his November wedding date with Christine Evert, but this has been postponed.

Connors will play in the first round of the final at Billingham, Teesside, in an entry which already includes Tom Okker (the Dewar Cup holder), Ilie Nastase, Tom Gorman and Arthur Ashe. Also among the early entrants is the young Argentine, Guillero Vilas, who had led the grand prix points table for most of the year, until just recently when he has slipped into second place, behind Connors.

The early rounds at Billingham will be played on November 11 to 13 before the final moves to the Albert Hall, London, from November 13 to 16.

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ew events going well but ags arise at Wembley

Rex Bellamy
ash Rackets Correspondent

w events in any sport usually a few years to establish their ies and, consequently, their larity. It is therefore reable, at least superficially, the new inter-club squash ets competition for mixed teur teams, sponsored by dian Club whisky, has already cted an entry of 105 clubs ered between Scotland, the Country and the Home Coun- This total will slightly inse. Entries officially closed Monday but some allowance is made for postal delays. e response has been tremen", says the competition's ee, Major A. E. Millman.

e event had been well prod. But the real reason for romise of instant success is tless the fact that its imagie yet practicable format fulneed. Each team must conof three men and two women, tio that roughly corresponds the estimated numbers of and women playing the game ritain. That the competition iminates against the few proonals who would like to play unfortunate: a conventional de dating from the days distinctions between eurs and professionals were valid. But this oddity need ecome a permanent feature of vent that has otherwise been rably conceived.

other new competition in its season, after a successful run last April, is the network 0 squash festivals sponsored quity & Law. These festivals feature two events: one for rs who have represented their and another for those who not. The scheme will supent an area of competition dy explored by the established Lager tournament.

In terms of new clubs, as distinct from new competitions, there will be widespread satisfaction in the immediate and general location of the latest club with spectator facilities for championships and other big events. The six-court Brandon Hall club, to be opened next Tuesday, has been built around an hotel (with all the creature comforts that proximity suggests) conveniently close to Coventry, Birmingham, the M1 and two airports. The first important event to be played there on December 23 will be the second in a series of three men's amateur international matches between Britain and Pakistan.

All this good news is offset by a somewhat sour after-taste to the exciting opening of a 15-court national squash centre by Wembley Stadium Limited. One of the centre's most appealing features was its avowed policy of keeping courts open to the public at large seven days a week. But it turns out that, because of yearly contracts guaranteeing permanent block bookings to the employees of various businesses, it is unreasonably difficult for individual enthusiasts to book a court on any evening from Monday to Friday.

This means that for five evenings a week Wembley is, to a great extent, a private rendezvous for a series of separate clubs. This pattern is familiar and to some extent inevitable. Wembley's owners are a commercial company who cannot be criticized for ensuring that the venture will have a basic fixed income. It is reasonable, too, that education authorities should be allowed permanent bookings earlier in the day. But it certainly can be argued that a national squash centre dominated by block bookings at peak hours is pretending to be something it is not.

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Racing

Just the right distance for Grundy

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The Dewhurst Stakes run at Newmarket today, and sponsored once again by the William Hill organization, ought to reveal the winter favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas. At present the issue appears to rest between Grundy, arguably the best two-year-old colt in *training in England*, and Steel Heart, his counterpart in Ireland.

Two races in this country have thrust Steel Heart into prominence. First, he won the Gimcrack Stakes at York and then added the Middle Park Stakes to his tally. After that triumph his owner, Ravi Tikkoo, announced that Steel Heart would return from Ireland, where he is trained by Dermot Weld, to try to establish overall superiority by beating Grundy this afternoon.

One has to cast the eye back to 1908 and 1909 to find the last horses to win both the Middle Park Stakes and the Dewhurst Stakes. They were the half-brothers Bayardo and Lemberg, who each went on to win a classic, Bayardo the St Leger and Lemberg the Derby.

Mr Tikkoo is clearly not afraid to take on the best in order to discover the best. "This is my policy" he told me a fortnight ago. So we find *the* unbeaten Grundy faced with his most important challenge so far. Grundy is preferred for two reasons. I was more impressed by the way that he won the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster than I was by the way that Steel Heart won the Middle Park Stakes. Furthermore, the distance of today's race seems likely to suit him better. In fact Grundy has already won over seven furlongs.

Watching the Middle Park Stakes, I thought that Steel Heart was going to canter home racing down the hill towards the dip. But in the end he was all out to hold Royal Manacle, who is reputed to be inferior to Dial-a-Lad at home.

At Doncaster, Eddery rode Grundy in a most confident way, biding his time, waiting for an opening before eventually asking Grundy to accelerate past Whip It Quick, who had won the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, and Bold *Pirate, when there was* only a furlong left. The way that Grundy did it was as easy as winking.

In the meantime Bold Pirate has injected goodness into the form by winning the Prix Saint Roman at *Longchamp. What some may* have overlooked is the fact that Steel Heart finished only fifth behind Whip It Quick in the Coventry Stakes. He may not have had the best of runs that day and he is questionably a better horse now than he was then, but at the same time it is hard to find a flaw in Grundy's form.

His first race at Ascot in July also shows well under scrutiny. No Alimony and Amerrico, the two colts that he beat there, have both won since then and won well. At Doncaster, Grundy proved that he is blessed with a blend of speed and stamina which could well be *Steel Heart's* undoing when today's race comes to the boil in the last quarter of a mile.

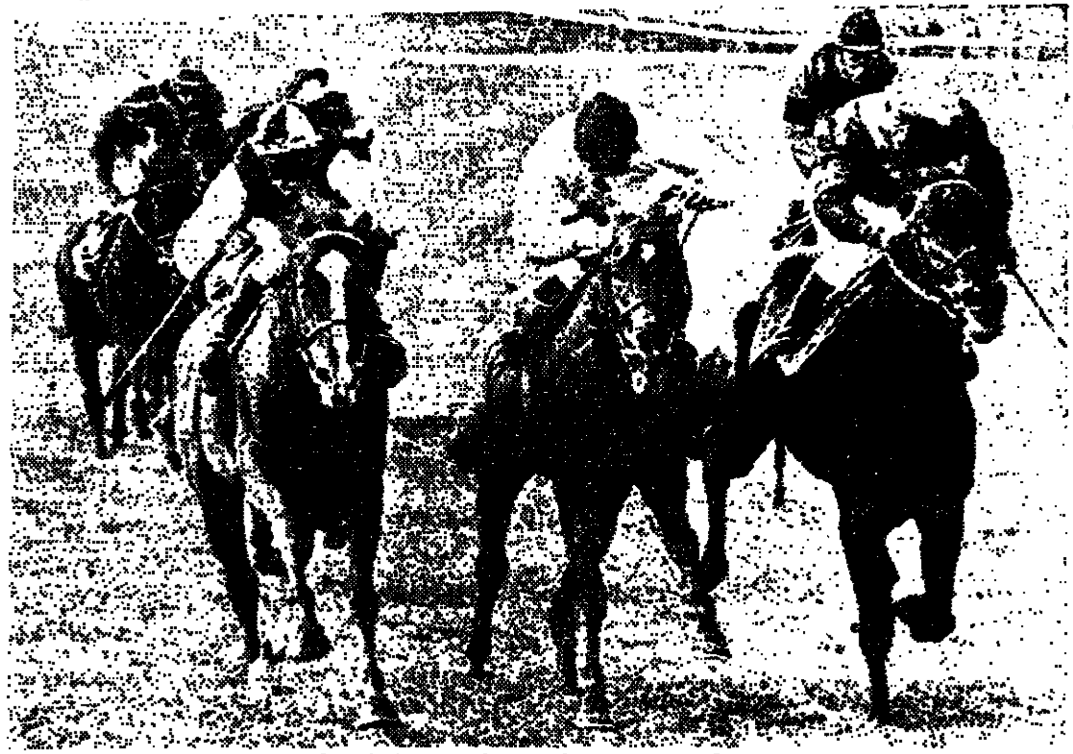
The presence in the field of the *French* colt, Piccolino, gives the race added significance. Piccolino, *by Round Table, the sire of Cellini,* who won this race 12 months ago, won at Deauville. He then finished fourth in the Prix de la Salamandre, two and three-quarter lengths behind his stable companion, Delmora, who then ran a good race in the Cheveley Park Stakes to finish second to Cry of Truth. But the fact that Bold Pirate has beaten some good French colts on their own ground this autumn prompts me to think that Grundy ought to be capable of putting the challenger in his place this afternoon.

Baldur, a good winner here 13 days ago, and Stamen, who won his first and only race by beating the more experienced Gaelic at York, are on the upgrade. Stamen particularly so. His trainer, Bruce Hobbs, is only too well aware of the *task that confronts his colt* today, but knowing that Stamen is improving he is not without hope.

"That was a horse race and a half wasn't it?" was the verdict *of the majority at Newmarket* yesterday after Escapologist had won the Somerville Tattersall Stakes by beating Burleigh and Consol. A short head separated the first and the second and the second and the third.

Consol seized the initiative at halfway. Running down the hill into the dip Burleigh mastered him but Consol would not surrender. An enthralling duel between these two ensued until, just as the race was ebbing away, Lewis brought Escapologist on the scene with a late flourish that plucked the prize from under their noses.

"Geoff seemed very confident of the outcome on dismounting", Arthur Budgett remarked later, "but personally I was having kittens." He need not have worried. The photograph of this memorable finish showed Escapologist holding a narrow yet clear advantage where it mattered most. But then his connexions had to endure a stewards' inquiry into possible interference between Escapologist and Burleigh in the last 100 yds. However, the placings remained unaltered.


Escapologist wins the Somerville Stakes at Newmarket yesterday from Burleigh.

STATE OF GOING (official): Newmarket: Good. Catterick Bridge: Soft. Market Rasen: Soft. Kempton Park (tomorrow): Good to soft. Bangor (tomorrow): Good to soft. Kelso (tomorrow): Good.

Trivial race that could be the most important this season to Eddery

By Brough Scott

The Newmarket Challenge Cup, a race confined to horses owned by members of the Jockey Club or of their subscription rooms, has long been considered an amusing regency-style anachronism, particularly if you are a "challenger" *because it is usually a walk-over.* But this year there were three runners and to Patrick Eddery who won it on Louis Freedman's Great Guns, it could have been the most important race of the year.

For the days to the end of the season are getting scarce now, and this Newmarket meeting should be decisive in whether Eddery is going to hold his lead over Piggott, which at the start of yesterday was six. By the time of the Newmarket Challenge Cup both jockeys had had six unsuccessful rides and with Piggott up on Arisaig this "joke race" suddenly represented a two-winner difference to them.

It was an Indian file contest for most of the two miles with Eddery making it, Geoffrey Lewis on B Major second and Piggott stalking them both. But symbolic of how Eddery would like the season to end, he shot Great Guns clear in the dip and Arisaig and Piggott had no answer.

Great Guns's name is also fairly symbolic for the pattern of the Walwyn and Eddery season, for this was the trainer's eighty-seventh winner, equalling the record that he set last year. Great Guns herself was winning for the sixth time this season and will now be retired to stud. In her case this will be to France where her owner is intending to keep some of his mares in future. Any foals from *such a base* will of course be eligible for the substantial breeders' prizes that are offered on the other side of the Channel.

Eddery had earlier suffered two frustrating reverses against Escapologist and Petty Officer, who were both a fine tribute to their trainer Arthur Budgett, who is going to cut down drastically next season. *However, Petty Officer* and maybe Escapologist will still be with him next year and you could write volumes about the depth of affection in the pat that Budgett gave Petty Officer on reaching the unsaddling enclosure yesterday. For Mrs Joan Benskin's enormously popular seven-year-old was winning for the 12th time yesterday and as he stormed past Eddery and that tough front-runner, Rasti, you could almost hear the old horse saying to himself "this one's for me".

The other Budgett winner, Escapologist, is the Derring-Do colt who impressed us so much with his determination when he beat Corby at Lingfield Park, and that quality won him the day again here against Burleigh and the Eddery-ridden Consol. It was a desperately close thing at the end and it looked as if Consol was going to hold off his two challengers until Lewis stretched extra inches into Escapologist's stride. Lewis was at his best yesterday. His little whip going with all the hectic insistence of the conductor of a lightning polka. He had two other winners, on Nearly New who wore down the luckless Loch Nell in the Fordham Handicap and on Staff Ingham's Rozel Boy who ran home bravely under top weight in the nursery. The little Welshman came beaming in after this third victory and said: "What about that? How far away is the spring?"

Lewis's chances in the jockeys' championship next year will be *enormously strengthened* by being retained, after Noel Murless by Bruce Hobbs. He should have a fleet of nice three-year-olds to ride to judge from the way Hobbs's two-year-olds have been going by this autumn. The grey *Flame Tree* was another winner for the stable in the first division of the Chesterton Maiden Plate, and he showed a really nice turn of foot to go past the leader, Sea Anchor, in a few strides below the distance.

It was a nice piece of timing from the jockey, Geoffrey Baxter, but the victory of Persian Market in the next division was a case of *timing going astray*. It was not that jockey, Tony Kimberley, rode anything but faultlessly to keep this still leggy daughter of Taj Dwan going on her first racecourse appearance. It was just that her owners *had her full sister* in the sales this week, not yesterday evening but the day before and the buyers were unaware of Persian Market's prowess; the yearling filly was led out unsold.

A 36,000 guineas secret at the sales

The strange secrecy which surrounds bloodstock sales was underlined when agent George Blackwell made the second highest purchase of the day during the evening session at the third stage of the Houghton yearling sales at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, yesterday, only to state explicitly: "I never tell anyone who I buy for."

Mr Blackwell had paid 36,000 guineas for a full brother to the top class 1972 French-trained three-year-old Marisela, who ran second to Waterloo in the Newmarket 1,000 Guineas. His purchase was a Sheshoon colt out of the Grey *Sovereign* mare, West Shaw, who has bred three other winners.

The *day's final* aggregate was down by 400,000 guineas, and the average showed a drop of more than 50 per cent on the corresponding day's business in 1973. During the two sessions a combined *total of 107 lots brought* 553,630 guineas, averaging 5,174 guineas. The 1973 figures were 89 lots aggregating 953,860 guineas, an average of 10,718 guineas. The total number of five-figure transactions was 15 against 35 on the Thursday 12 months ago.

The evening session produced only four other five-gigure lots besides the Sheshoon colt, which had been *sent up* by the Manor House Stud, Middleham.

Frank Berry, an associate of Dublin agent, Jack Doyle, was the successful bidder for a son of On Your Mark and the Nimbus mare Rain Water. Barry took the colt at 14,500 guineas on behalf of Mrs V. Herman-Hodge, who bred one of the most successful two-year-olds of 1973, Glen Strae. Like Glen Strae, this youngster will be trained at Findon by Ryan Price.

In the morning, Captain Marcos Lemnos, of Greece, outbid the Irish trainer, William Robinson, for a bay colt by Busted out of Grande Fille, offered by Pinold Stude and Farms Ltd. The price was 40,000 guineas and the colt will go to Clive Brittain's stable.

Dahlia rated at 10st 4lb in Handicap Libre

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, Oct 17

In the opinion of the official handicapper, Dahlia has deteriorated 4lb in comparison with Allez France during the past 12 months. The handicapper has used the *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe* as the basis for his ratings, placing Allez France on 10st 12lb, and leaving her 2lb ahead of Margouillat. Dahlia is rated on 10st 4lb together with Tennyson.

Weight for age is 8lb and Comtesse de Loir is the top weighted three-year-old with 10st. Other leading three-year-olds are Caracolero and Dankaro 9st 13lb, Highclere 9st 10lb, Kamaraan 9st 9lb, Mississipian, Nonoalco and Paulista 9st 8lb.

Among English horses who have run in France this year, Parnell is top with 9st 13lb, ahead of Coup de Feu 9st 11lb, Ksar, Royal Prerogative and Highclere all on 9st 10lb and Bold Boy 9st 9lb.

Eight of the acceptors for the Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday have been given weights for the Handicap Libre. Allez France, El Toro who is level with Coup de Feu on 9st 11lb, Ksar, Mannsfeld 9st 7lb, Contraband and Wittgenstein 8st 12lb and Star Appeal 8st 9lb.

There are 43 horses rated at 9 st 8 lb and above in the Handicap Libre 1974, to be run over a mile and a half at the final Longchamp meeting on October 27. They are:

Allez France, 4-10-12; Margouillat, 4-10-10; Dahlia, 4-10-4; Tennyson, 4-10-4; Admetus, 4-10-3; Hurrupere, 4-10-2; Card King, 6-10-1; Comtesse de Loir, 3-10-0; Direct Flight, 5-10-0; On My Way, 4-10-0; Caracolero, 3-9-13; Dankaro, 3-9-13; Lassalle, 5-9-13; Mister Sic Top, 7-9-13; Parnell, 6-9-13; Toujours Prêt, 5-9-13; Acacio d'Aguilar, 5-9-11; Balompie, 4-9-11; Coup de Feu, 5-9-11; El Toro, 6-9-11; El Rastro, 4-9-10; Highclere, 3-9-10; Ksar, 4-9-10; Luenge, 3-9-10; Pebblebrook, 4-9-10; Royal Prerogative, 5-9-10.

Sang Bleu, 5-9-10; Authi, 4-9-9; Bold Boy, 4-9-9; Conte, 4-9-9; Kamaraan, 3-9-9; Ace of Aces, 4-9-8; Bakuba, 4-9-8; Filandre, 5-9-8; Lisaro, 4-9-8; Meautry, 4-9-8; Mississipian, 3-9-8; Nonoalco, 3-9-8; Paulista, 3-9-8; *Rose Laurel*, 4-9-8; Saparo, 3-9-8; Shari, 4-9-8; Unicornus, 5-9-8.

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 3.0, 3.35 and 4.05 races]

2.0 BOSCAWEN PLATE (2-y-o: £1,035: 1m)

101	042310	Carlton Saint (F. Reacher), B. Hanbury, 8-11	B. Raymond	14
102	013000	Cheb's Lass (J. Orbell), B. Lunness, 8-8	G. Starkey	4
103	*000*	*Cassio* (W. Payne), P. Smyth, 8-6	P. Waldron	5
104	00	Cheers (H. Williams), H. Williams, 8-6	J. Mercer	8
106		Doon's Heir (Mrs B. Davis), K. Cundell, 8-6	B. Taylor	15
107	000400	Enryco Mieo (H. Zeisel), K. Payne, 8-6	W. Carson	1
108	000	Gold Dragon (Mrs T. Yong), E. Reavey, 8-6	G. Ramshaw	18
109		Got Lucky (E. Johnston), B. Wragg, 8-6	F. Durr	6
110	443	Horseguards (Duke of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 8-6	Ron Hutchinson	3
113	00	Panic Stations (A. Bodie), G. Harwood, 8-6	P. Eddery	2
114	000230	Scarlet Wonder (W. O'Gorman), W. O'Gorman, 8-6	—	10
115	400	Tarot (Mrs E. Doyle), P. Doyle, 8-6	—	9
116	0330	Toll The Bell (Miss M. Sheriffe), J. Tree, 8-6	L. Piggott	7
117	000000	Tom Tallis (T. Gaffney), R. Akehurst, 8-6	A. Bond 5	16
119	030204	Hemmings (R. Barber), P. Cole, 8-3	R. Edmundson	12
120	0	Madam Royal (Maj J. Rubin), W. Stephenson, 8-3	D. Ryan	13
121	04200	Onedin Line (Col Sir D. Clague), C. Benstead, 8-3	A. Murray	11
127	400	Woodland Promise (Mrs O. *Lusty*), W. *Marshall*, 8-3	R. Marshall	17

11-4 Horseguards, 7-2 Toll the Bell, 6-1 Carlton Saint, 7-1 Hemmings, 10-1 Cheb's Lass, Got Lucky, 12-1 Scarlet Wonder, Cheers, 14-1 Enryco Mieo, 16-1 others.

2.30 FAKENHAM HANDICAP (£1,266: 1½m)

201	010100	Merry Kerry (D) (Mrs F. Coleman), J. Sutcliffe jun, 5-9-9	B. Rouse	12
202	020044	Netherkelly (CD) (J. Bigg), R. Hollinshead, 4-9-3	T. Ives	5
203	024443	So Royal (A. Portman), H. Candy, 4-9-1	P. Waldron	8
204	101103	Wishing Star (CD) (C. Berlin), D. Marks, 5-9-1	P. Eddery	7
205	132120	Duke of Marmalade (D) (Mrs J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 3-8-10	L. Piggott	9
206	1-01d00	Bigribo (C) (Lady Beaverbrook), W. Hern, 3-8-8	J. *Mercer*	18
207	033014	Sisodan (D) (Mrs I. Griggs), R. Jarvis, 7-8-7	M. Thomas	6
208	030040	Mount Cassino (B. Schmidt-Bodner), Doug Smith, 4-8-3	E. Eldin	5
209	024403	Tattenham Fair (A. Botton), C. Brittain, 4-8-1	F. Durr	13
210	323211	Tintoretto (D) (J. Olin), B. van Cutsem, 3-7-9	W. Carson	4
211	110012	Lairg (D) (H. Wills), B. Hobbs, 5-7-7	C. Rodrigues 7	11
212	31-0304	Shenandoah (G. Reed), S. Hall, 4-7-7	E. Johnson	14
213	000010	Lintam (D) (A. *Normand*), T. *Waugh*, 3-7-7	T. Cain 3	1
214	0-0412	Captain's Escort (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), N. Murless, 3-7-7	D. Cullen	2

7-2 Tintoretto, 9-2 Lairg, 5-1 Bigribo, 6-1 Sisodan, 8-1 Duke of Marmalade, 10-1 So Royal, 14-1 Captain's Escort, Merry Kerry, Mount Cassino, 20-1 others.

3.0 TATTERSALL HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,486: 7f)

301	140	Top (Ld Rotherwick), W. Hern, 9-2	J. Mercer	7
303	33311	Chil the Kite (D) (Lady Rosebery), B. Hobbs, 8-12	G. Lewis	8
304	0014	Sodor (D) (E. Biot), J. Dunlop, 8-11	Ron Hutchinson	12
306	013	Giselle (Mrs C. Wheatley), P. Walwyn, 8-6	P. Eddery	1
308	01124	Cardinal Wolsey (Mrs M. Ainsworth), J. W. Watts, 8-5	E. Hide	16
309	231110	Layawake (D) (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-4	P. Tulk	15
310	02410	Ribellaro (Capt M. Lemos), B. van Cutsem, 8-3	W. Carson	11
311	000103	Blustery (D) (J. Baillie), A. Kerr, 8-2	I. Johnson 7	4
313	401	Norfolk Light (D) (Mrs J. Martin), H. Candy, 7-13	P. Waldron	10
314	000012	Pure Magic (I. Thoday), J. Winter, 7-13	F. Durr	13
315	4214	Unsuspected (G. Cowell), R. Jarvis, 7-12	M. Thomas	17
317	010211	Mourndyke (D) (J. Redfern), L. J. Holt, 7-12	R. Fox 7	9
318	00320	Raccoon (A. Bodie), G. Harwood, 7-11	E. Johnson	3
323	0324	Pearl Wedding (Lady Allendale), W. Elsey, 7-8	S. *Salmon* 5	18
325	00210	Strovili (D) (Capt M. Lemos), R. Armstrong, 7-4	D. Cullen	5
326	104310	Cupids Cave (D) (D. Lemos), C. Brittain, 7-3	R. Still	14
327	0030	George Cross (Mrs D. Smith), Doug Smith, 7-2	C. Rodrigues 7	2
329	00301	On Again (G. Blum), G. Blum, 7-0	D. McKay	6

11-2 Sodor, 6-1 Chil the Kite, 7-1 Unsuspected, 9-1 Ribellaro, 11-1 Mourndyke, 14-1 Blustery, Norfolk Light, Cardinal Wolsey, Top, 16-1 *Giselle*, Pearl Wedding, Strovili, Pure Magic, 18-1 Layawake, 20-1 others.

3.35 DEWHURST STAKES (2-y-o: £26,271: 7f)

401	31	Baldur (CD) (L. Holliday), Denys Smith, 9-0	J. Mercer	2
402	021100	Berrelt (D) (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 9-0	R. Edmondson	4
403	00	Big Venture (Lt-Col Sir J. Scott), D. Sasse, 9-0	A. Barclay	8
404	111	Grundy (D) (Dr C. Vittadini), P. Walwyn, 9-0	P. Eddery	6
405	414	Piccolino (S. Vanian), F. Boutin, 9-0	A. Murray	5
406	1	Stamen (Mrs F. Bierer), B. Hobbs, 9-0	G. Lewis	3
407	10	Steel Heart (R. Tikkoo), D. Weld, 9-0	L. Piggott	1
408	02	Top Level (Mrs I. Crossman), N. Callaghan, 9-0	G. Starkey	7

11-10 Grundy, 13-8 Steel Heart, 11-2 Piccolino, 12-1 Stamen, 25-1 Baldur, 33-1 Berrelt, 50-1 Big Venture, 100-1 Top Level.

4.5 CHALLENGE STAKES (£3,377: 6f)

501	1-01412	Boone's Cabin (D) (R. Sangster), M. O'Brien, 4-9-7	J. Mercer	8
502	2-43010	Blue Cashmere (D) (R. Clifford-Turner), M. Stoute, 4-9-7	E. Hide	5
503	*20-0123*	*Midsummer Star* (B. Walsh), M. Masson, 4-9-7	A. Bond 5	3
504	110242	New Model (D) (C. d'Alessio), H. Cecil, 4-9-7	P. Eddery	1
506	214010	Princely Son (CD) (W. Sherman), K. Cundell, 5-9-7	B. Taylor	6
508	310244	Mayday Melody (D) (Miss R. Sutton), J. W. Watts, 4-9-4	G. Lewis	9
511	011-102	Glen Strae (D) (J. Muldoon), H. Price, 3-9-2	A. Murray	2
512	141131	Saritamer (D) (C. St George), M. O'Brien, 3-9-2	L. Piggott	10
513	011000	Tackerton (CD) (Mrs E. Cohen), J. Oxley, 3-9-2	G. Starkey	7
514	11-0101	Matinee (Ld Porchester), J. Clayton, 3-8-13	F. Durr	11
515	213303	Noble Mark (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 3-8-13	W. Carson	4

7-2 Saritamer, 4-1 New Model, 11-2 Blue Cashmere, 8-1 Matinee, 10-1 Glen Strae, 12-1 Princely Son, Noble Mark, 14-1 Boone's Cabin, Mayday Melody, 16-1 Midsummer Star, 20-1 Tackerton.

4.35 BOADICEA STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £1,177: 1¼m)

601	11-344	Hilo Girl (Mrs D. Davidson), P. Walwyn, 9-3	P. Eddery	2
602	01-0400	Reika (Mr R. Guest), R. Armstrong, 8-11	L. Piggott	3
603	1-0002	Stogumber (Mr J. Philipps), B. Hobbs, 8-11	W. Carson	5
604	000-0	Asheldham Lady (Mr D. Clark), I. Walker, 8-6	G. Starkey	1
606	0-23220	Marinetta (Mr W. Reynolds), J. Dunlop, 8-6	Ron Hutchinson	4
607	04300	Wake Lady (Mr M. Wickham-Boynton), N. Murless, 8-6	G. Lewis	6

7-4 Marinetta, 5-2 Hilo Girl, 100-30 Stogumber, 13-2 Wake Lady, 10-1 Reika, 16-1 Asheldham Lady.

Haydock Park results

2.15 (2.19) SYCAMORE STAKES (2-y-o: £656: 6f)
Fighting Brave, b c, by Huntercombe—Alemeda (Mrs G. Harwood), 9-0 C. Dwyer (13-2) 1
Killilan, b c, by Fantastic Light—Sardony (Mr D. McRee), 9-0 T. Ives (8-1) 2
Current Arrest, b f, by Electrify—Caption (Mr J. McNulty), 8-11 F. Morby (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 fav Unotoo, 13-2 Brave Heart, 8-1 Abervine, 9-1 Sea Sting (4th), Gay Priscilla, 10-1 Slingwrap, Smile Please, 12-1 Wriggling, 20-1 Uncle Stewy, Fiery Sovereign, Le Jet, 33-1 Devils Passage, Julie's Statement, Red CO, Chebs Coat, Havaglass. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 20p, 34p, 29p. G. Harwood, at Pulborough. 5l, 3l. 1min 23.08sec. Harriet Ann was withdrawn, not under orders. Rule 4 does not apply.

2.45 (2.45) ALDER HANDICAP (£862: 2m 28yd)
Pottersville, b h, by Charlottesville—Potters Wheel (Mr B. Newton), 5-7-7 C. Eccleston (25-1) 1
Mrs Child, b m, by Royal Avenue—Sara Tal (Mr F. Farrow), 6-8-2 E. Johnson (9-4 jt fav) 2
Swirl, br g, by Fric—Courant D'Air (Mr C. Cleary), 5-8-6 J. Seagrave (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt fav Hardivim (4th), 10-1 Scoria, Gala King, 12-1 Red Song, 25-1 Paddy McGredy. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, £5.39; places, 70p, 12p, 33p; dual forecast, £6.81. F. Carr, at Malton. 1½l, 4l. 3min 56.36sec.

3.15 (3.16) ROWAN HANDICAP (2-y-o: £828: 1m 40yd)
Estructura, ch f, by Gulf Pearl—Saplin (Dr J. Hernandez), 8-1 S. Perks (9-2) 1
Targo Bella, b f, by Lauso—Che Bella (Mr R. Miller), 6-13 S. Salmon (14-1) 2
Willie Ormond, br c, by Blakeney—Kerkithalls (Mr J. Banks), 8-0 Richard Hutchinson (5-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 The Sergeant (4th), 6-1 Salsafy, Congenial, 12-1 Halsall, 20-1 Wot No Stopping, Toss A Coin. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 51p; places, 20p, 54p, 19p; dual forecast, £9.05. G. Pritchard-Gordon, at Newmarket. 3l, 2l. 1min 56.01sec.

3.45 (3.46) MAPLE PLATE (3-y-o: £828: 1½m)
Rouser, ch c, by Mourne—Reveille (Mrs J. de Rothschild), 9-5 J. Seagrave (8-11) 1
Farioso, b f, by Ballymoss—Violetta III (Mr R. Moller), 9-6 E. Johnson (6-4) 2
Star In The North, b f, by Northern Dancer—Lighted Lamp (Ld Suffolk), 8-11 .. S. Perks (14-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 18p; forecast, 18p. J. Clayton, at Newmarket. ½l, 30l. 2min 48.41sec.

4.15 (4.17) ASPEN STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £875: 5f)
Ballydowa, ch f, by Ballymoss—Redowa (Col Sir D. Clague), 8-2 G. Sexton (4-1) 1
Tzu-Hsi, ch f, by Songedor—Ink Spot (Mrs R. Bury), 7-7 K. Leason (8-1) 2
Tingo, ch c, by Petingo—Singing Girl (Mr D. Robinson), 9-13 J. Seagrave (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Sedulous (4th), 4-1 Relative Ease, 16-1 Sweip Me, 25-1 Cloud Game, 33-1 Rue. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 17p, 29p, 24p; dual forecast, 69p. S. Supple, at Dartford. 3l, 1l. 1min 08.47sec.

4.45 (4.48) LARCH PLATE (3-y-o: £483: 7f 40yd)
Fairmist, ch f, by Skymaster—Fair Tyrone (Mr H. Leggatt), 9-4 E. Johnson (7-4 fav) 1
Rocket Crystal, ro f, by Roan Rocket—Crystal Drop (Ld Harrington), 9-4 .... G. Sexton (5-1) 2
Song in the Air, gr f, by Tudor Melody—Grizel (Col W. Stirling), 9-4 ...... C. Eccleston (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Onward Tsubamo, 12-1 Bumbletta (4th), 13-1 Marwood Princess, 14-1 Sea Angel, Skipping Rope, 20-1 Admiral Wolf, Frisky Scot, Irish Fiddle, 33-1 Grist Mill, We've Dunnit. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 14p, 17p, 18p. J. Dunlop, at Arundel. 2½l, 2l. 1min 43.12sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Estructura, Ballydowa, £9.75. TREBLE: Pottersville, Rouser, Fairmist, £74.55.

Catterick Bridge programme

2.0 CRAVEN PLATE (Apprentices: £207: 1½m 40yd)

1	00	Baladino, W. Wharton, 4-9-0	B. Clatworthy	3
2	00-0000	Craig Prince, E. Weymes, 4-9-0	H. Ewart	9
4	0	Grimsby Town, Denys Smith, 5-9-0	N. Balmer	6
5	400402	Le Lion, K. Payne, 4-9-0	T. Carson	1
9	4400-04	Birthday Parade, E. Collingwood, 3-7-11	S. Woolley 7	4
12	*00-0320*	*Aunt Augusta*, N. Callaghan, 3-7-8	D. Nicholls	7
15	400-330	No Joke, P. Rohan, 3-7-8	S. Horton	8
16	030	Spillers Jenny, E. Magner, 3-7-8	E. Bruce 7	5
17	240	Vigo Bay, W. Elsey, 3-7-8	D. Gibson	2

15-8 No Joke, 3-1 Le Lion, 7-2 Aunt Augusta, 6-1 Vigo Bay, 12-1 Birthday Parade, Grimsby Town, 20-1 others.

2.30 HORNBY CASTLE HANDICAP (£276: 1m 3f 40yd)

1	400000	Court Circus (CD), K. Payne, 4-10-0	T. Lappin	6
3	1-30000	Naval Whistler, F. Carr, 3-9-5	C. Eccleston	2
5	000201	Starla, J. Fitzgerald, 4-8-11	T. O'Ryan 5	11
7	0000	Neptune, D. Chapman, 5-8-8	B. Connorton	4
8	2-03000	Kevins Boy, C. Crossley, 3-8-8	P. Kelleher	12
10	304202	Cairndhu, S. Etherington, 3-8-6	C. Dwyer	3
11	102003	Tudor Cheat, B. Richmond, 3-8-6	P. Madden	5
12	0b4012	*Last Week-End*, F. Wiles, 5-8-4	A. Cousins	10
14	00-223	Sanali, A. Bastiman, 3-8-0	D. Nicholls 7	1
15	000	Peppermint, D. Plant, 3-7-13	—	9
17	002000	Advocate's Triumph, H. Jones, 5-7-9	G. Duffield	8
18	000000	Royal Cornet, E. Collingwood, 4-7-8	A. Horrocks	7

9-4 Court Circus, 3-1 Starla, 4-1 Tudor Cheat, 13-2 Naval Whistler, 8-1 Cairndhu, 10-1 Last Week-End, 16-1 others.

3.0 MOULTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £531: 7f)

2	113102	Frisky Ruler (D), J. Hindley, 9-7	A. Kimberley	10
3	000200	Military Medal, Doug Smith, 9-6	E. Eldin	2
6	100203	Confluence, W. Haigh, 8-10	P. Kelleher	9
9	010404	My Story, E. Carr, 8-6	S. Perks	14
11	42-0010	Arras Gem, J. Fitzgerald, 8-5	B. Connorton	15
14	0-02400	Lucky Affair, J. W. Watts, 8-1	G. Duffield	3
16	1-00000	Mountain Echo, F. Carr, 8-0	C. Eccleston	11
17	000000	Grey Aglow (CD), S. Nesbitt, 7-13	J. Shilling	4
18	010000	Cinder Track (D), A. Bastiman, 7-10	D. Nicholls 7	12
20	003002	Royal Nectar, Denys Smith, 7-8	T. O'Ryan 5	8
22	000000	Silver Teal (C), M. W. Easterby, 7-8	S. Freeman 7	1
23	400224	Enniscrone, W. Wharton, 7-7	K. Lewis 5	5
25	000044	Weeny Bopper, V. Mitchell, 7-7	—	16
28	20-3000	Biggy Jane, W. Elsey, 7-7	L. Parkes	13
29	200-000	Certa Cito, E. Collingwood, 7-7	A. Horrocks	7
30	000004	Buckfastleigh, T. Fairhurst, 7-7	S. Webster 7	17
31	000000	Auto-Speed, W. Murray, 7-7	—	6

3-1 Frisky Ruler, 4-1 Confluence, 5-1 Military Medal, 7-1 Mountain Echo, 8-1 My Story, 10-1 Enniscrone, Lucky Affair, 12-1 Arras Gem, 14-1 others.

3.30 ZETLAND STAKES (2-y-o: £321: 7f)

1	04000	*Captains Captive, S. Norton*, 9-0	M. Wood 7	4
2	000300	Cool Hand Luke, W. Murray, 9-0	B. Connorton	9
4	02	Fraticelli, J. Hindley, 9-0	A. Kimberley	14
7		Kilbaigie, J. Langley, 9-0	A. Locke	5
10	040	Pal's Bambino, N. Crump, 9-0	R. Muddle 7	3
11	000022	Philip Green, W. Gray, 9-0	E. Apter	10
15	0000	Tootal Boy, F. Wiles, 9-0	A. Cousins	13
19		Blak-En-Bleu, W. Elsey, 8-11	J. Higgins	12
21	003	Crinan, B. Hobbs, 8-11	G. Baxter	15
23	-0	Easter Sovereign, G. Toft, 8-11	—	2
25		Gay Pat, W. Haigh, 8-11	D. Letherby	1
27	000000	Kinder Scout, S. Nesbitt, 8-11	E. Eldin	8
29	00000	Pahlavi Line, H. Williams, 8-11	J. Seagrave	6
30	000	Philmarnie, L. Shedden, 8-11	M. Bray 7	11
32	40	Tingalary, Denys Smith, 8-11	P. Kelleher	7

13-8 Fraticelli, 7-2 Crinan, 9-1 Philip Green, 13-2 Pal's Bambino, 8-1 Cool Hand Luke, 10-1 Tingalary, 16-1 others.

4.0 BRETTANBY HANDICAP (£443: 1m 5f 180yds)

4	041000	Corragio (C), G. P.-Gordon, 4-9-5	E. Eldin	10
5	013201	Bell's Lad (CD), F. Carr, 4-8-13	L. Parkes	3
6	42-4342	Two for Joy, P. Rohan, 4-8-11	T. O'Ryan 5	5
7	100003	Chinese God, P. Davey, 4-8-7	J. Seagrave	2
8	020	Go Bingo, S. Hall, 3-8-6	P. Kelleher	8
9	*00102-3*	*Front Bencher (CD), P. Chisman*, 8-8-5	*D. Willey 7*	7
10	003202	Call the Tune, H. Williams, 4-8-4	C. Williams	9
11	200300	Privy Case, L. Shedden, 5-8-3	S. Perks	1
13	0004f4	Flying Hero, T. Craig, 5-8-1	K. Leason	4
15	000040	Rag, R. Hollinshead, 5-7-12	K. Lewis 5	6

11-4 Bell's *Lad*, 7-2 Corragio, 4-1 Chinese God, 11-2 Two *for* Joy, 8-1 Call the Tune, 10-1 Flying Hero, Rag, 12-1 others.

4.30 NORTH RIDING PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £207: 5f)

2	000002	Cammy, R. Hollinshead, 8-11	K. Lewis 5	1
3		Cricket Match, A. Dalton, 8-11	E. Eldin	8
4	0003	Daughter of Song, N. Callaghan, 8-11	G. Duffield	11
6	0000	Golden Acor, E. Collingwood, 8-11	O. Gray 5	5
7		Karukaya, R. Houghton, 8-11	F. Morby	7
8	00	Katie Louise, G. Toft, 8-11	B. Connorton	9
9	0402	Kelso Belle, E. Weymes, 8-11	S. Perks	12
11	00	*Liberal Gain, Denys Smith, 8-11*	P. Kelleher	4
12	00000	Lunar Bell, L. Shedden, 8-1	M. Bray 7	13
17	000	Pikella, V. Mitchell, 8-11	P. Wray 7	6
19	00	Red Holly, J. Hindley, 8-11	A. Kimberley	2
21	00000	Royal Cinders, B. Richmond, 8-11	P. Madden	10
22	400200	Satin Song, P. Davey, 8-11	J. Seagrave	3

5-2 Satin Song, 11-4 Daughter of Song, 4-1 Kelso Belle, 6-1 Red Holly, 7-1 Cammy, 10-1 Karukaya, 16-1 others.

Catterick Bridge selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Le Lion. 2.30 Tudor Cheat. 3.0 Frisky Ruler. 3.30 Philip Green. 4.0 Bell's Lad. 4.30 Kelso Belle.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.0 Frisky Ruler. 3.30 Fraticelli. 4.0 Chinese God. 4.30 Red Holly.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Cheb's Lass. 2.30 Tintoretto. 3.0 Pearl Wedding. 3.35 GRUNDY is specially recommended. 4.5 Saritamer. 4.35 Marinette.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Carlton Saint. 2.30 Tintoretto. 3.0 Ribellaro. 3.35 Stamen. 4.05 New Model. 4.35 Stogumber.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Milwyn. 2.45 Santon Brig. 3.15 Dragon Hill. 3.45 Blonde Viking. 4.15 Redbin. 4.45 Dingle Poke.

Market Rasen NH programme

2.15 HOLTON HURDLE (Novices: £170: 2m)

2	00004-	Chippingham, 6-11-13	Mr Gray 5
3	0000-40	Donagamore, 7-11-12	Mr Woodward 7
6	34p-302	Milwyn, 7-11-12	—
7	00000-0	Moonship, 7-11-12	Mr Newsam 7
8	3-00000	Pallikero, 6-11-12	Mr Callow 7
9		Ravenroyd, 9-11-12	Mr B. Baker 7
11	00-	Royal Mascot, 9-11-12	Mr Parrott 7
13	p	Vital Sanction, 9-11-12	Mr C. O'Neil 7
16	00-pp	Not Important, 5-11-6	Mr G. Jones 7
17	00f0-44	Now Lad, 5-11-6	Mr Greaves
18		Velvet Queen, 5-11-6	Mr Gundall 7
20	00-003	Delbounty, 4-11-0	Mr R. Page 7
22	0-04440	Illicit, 4-11-0	Mr Edwards 7
25		Sweet Cagire, 4-11-0	Mr Garton 7
26	*000-00*	*Welsh Song*, 4-11-0	—
28	0004	Golden End, 3-10-7	Mr Hayes 7
29	p	Kelly Homes, 3-10-7	Mr Thomson-Jones 7
30	002	King of Kings, 3-10-7	Mr Henderson 7
31	344	Legendary Isle, 3-10-7	Mr Broomfield 7
34	03u	Samanza, 3-10-7	Mr Jenks 5

9-4 Samanza, 7-2 Milwyn, 9-2 Legendary Isle, 6-1 King of Kings, 8-1 Now Lad, 10-1 Delbounty, 14-1 Illicit, 16-1 *Golden End*, 20-1 *others*.

2.45 LISSINGTON CHASE (Novices: £340: 2m)

3	4004-01	Lauso Lad (CD), 5-11-11	J. Bourke
7	0-2f2	Gramophone, 9-11-9	J. James
8	200-f02	Hilda's Hurricane, 6-11-9	J. Marshall 7
9	421442-	Bhitshah (CD), 5-11-6	B. R. Davies
10	01141-3	*Santon Brig, 5-11-6	—
14	0ffp-	Hazelestyn, 9-11-4	I. Watkinson
15	04p-0	Pickwood Bill, 7-11-4	P. Buckley
16	23200-0	Trust Vulgan, 6-11-4	J. Glover
17	0-000	Kelly's Malt, 5-11-1	—
18	00000-b	Charlie Tip, 4-10-9	P. Bloomfield 7

7-4 Lauso Lad, 3-1 Bhitshah, 9-2 Hilda's Hurricane, 6-1 Gramophone, Trust Vulgan, 14-1 others.

3.15 KILVINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2½m)

2	31103-4	Irish Tony (D), 6-11-6	O. Griffin
4	402-311	Dragon Hill (C), 8-11-1	J. Glover
9	14200-p	Laredo, 6-10-8	V. Percival 5
10	000-0	Eastern Lane, 9-10-6	P. Russell
11	04311-0	*Old Stephen (D)*, 5-10-5	T. Stack
12	00400-4	Fine Talk, 5-10-2	J. James
13	00-3	Mighty Mogul, 7-10-0	N. Mullins
14	21004-0	Divine Lass (C), 5-10-0	S. A. Taylor

6-4 Dragon Hill, 5-1 Old Stephen, 4-1 Irish Tony, 5-1 Mighty Mogul, 10-1 Laredo, 14-1 others.

3.45 "JACK WHITE" STEEPLECHASE (£484: 3m)

1	233-014	Blonde Viking (CD), 9-12-1	G. Graham 7
2	104042-	*Claraville, 7-12-1	—
3	22100-0	*Donohill (C), 7-12-1	—
5	11304-1	Soho Sol (CD), 9-12-1	Mr M. Bloom
6	11430-p	Clonmellon (D), 7-11-10	Lord Oaksey

4-6 Soho Sol, 2-1 Blonde Viking, 5-1 Clonmellon.

4.15 LUDFORD HURDLE (Handicap: £442: 2m)

1	40-0110	Tuckers Boy (D), 5-11-7	T. Stack
2	u1101u-	Vaunted (D), 4-11-6	Lord Oaksey
3	11p0p-1	Redbin (D), 5-11-5	D. Briscoe
4	13-	Pamsam, 4-11-0	D. Atkins
5	312000-	Tremendous, 5-10-11	G. Holmes
7	331434-	Java River (D), 5-10-4	J. Glover
9	001700-	Montreaux (D), 7-10-3	K. McCauley
11	331004-	Reginalds Tower, 5-10-0	B. R. Davies
12	f0f01-0	Downing Arms, 4-10-0	G. Griffin
13		Current Folly (D), 5-10-0	—
14	201020	Pirate Gold (D), 5-10-0	P. James
15	0p0000-	Gaycroft, 4-10-0	Mr Gray 5

11-4 Redbin, 4-1 Tuckers Boy, 5-1 Vaunted, 6-1 Pamsam, 7-1 Java River, 10-1 Montreaux, 12-1 Reginalds Tower, 14-1 Tremendous, 16-1 others.

4.45 LEGSBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £442: 2m 5f)

1	224f1p-	Coxswain, 9-12-7	T. Stack
3	1df-	Simian, 12-11-4	Mr C. Sanders
4	up00-0u	Great Haven, 9-11-2	J. Glover
5	2211-23	Rolerian (C), 5-10-10	M. Dickinson
6	21p01-f	Salvage Man, 7-10-8	B. R. Davies
8	231-f43	Golden Batman, 13-10-6	A. Turnell
9	0-	Quick Decision (C), 6-10-0	P. Bloomfield 7
10	12312-4	Dingle Poke (CD), 7-10-0	R. F. Davies
15	1-03342	Walden Rights (CD), 9-10-0	S. Wiles
17	1-00302	Court Shield, 6-10-0	Mr Gray 5

7-4 Rolerian, 7-2 Coxswain, 6-1 Salvage Man, Dingle Poke, 8-1 Simian, Great Haven, 10-1 Walden Rights, 14-1 others.

*Doubtful runner

Newmarket results

1.30 (1.32) CHESTERTON PLATE (Div I: 2-y-o: £690: 1m)
Flame Tree, gr c, by Roan Rocket—Firgone (Mr J. Hambro), 9-0 G. Baxter (85-40 fav) 1
Sea Anchor, ch c, by Alcide—Anchor (Mr R. Hollingsworth), 9-0 .... J. Mercer (16-1) 2
Red Sun, b c, by Aureole—Ribina II (Duke of Norfolk), 9-0 Ron Hutchinson (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Hollow Laughter, 15-2 Count Nijinsky (4th), 8-1 Top Straight, 12-1 Flash Gun, 14-1 Blakes Lass, Intergayle, 16-1 Gyrate, 20-1 Ballytartar, Bargain Day, Charles Martel, Charlotson, Faculty, Jet Flight, Mr Solo, Roussillon, Solos, Chasseur, Maria Bicknell, Sailing Ship, Tantalos. 25 ran.
TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 15p, 65p, 60p. B. Hobbs, at Newmarket. 2l, 1½l. 1min 44.92sec

2.0 (2.5) CHESTERTON PLATE (Div II: 2-y-o: £690: 1m)
Persian Market, br f, by Taj Dewan—Londonderry Air (Mr O. Waller), 8-11 ...... A. Kimberley (10-1) 1
Tiger Trail, b c, by Great Nephew—Indian Game (Mr B. Joel), 9-0 G. Lewis (6-1) 2
Ryhall Grange, ch f, by Grand Roi—Reece (Mr A. Parkinson), 8-11 F. Durr (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Silent Town, 7-1 Peterhof (4th), So They Say, 8-1 *Krios*, 16-1 *Dunky*, 20-1 *Lady Tack*, Bril, Derry Town, Gipsy Bloom, Merry Peasant, Mr Pilate, Rising Falcon, Sams Swanee, Flush, Wishful Tinker, Revoke, Slinky, Stormy Princess, Tell Tale, Willie Hope. 25 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.75; places, 67p, 22p, 42p. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 2½l, ¾l. 1min 46.39sec.

2.30 (2.33) FORTHAM HANDICAP (£1,394: 7f)
Nearly New, br c, by Derring-Do—Lydia II (Mr W. Norton), 3-8-6 G. Lewis (14-1) 1
Garfalcon, ch f, by Falcon—Scarletta (Mr S. Joel), 4-8-12 *F. Durr* (10-1) 2
Maestro Please, ch c, by St Chad—Thankful (Mr G. van der Ploeg), 3-8-4 E. Hide (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 15-2 fav Bracklesham Bay, 8-1 Day Two, Silk Satin, 10-1 Great Echo, Loch Nell (4th), Tudenham, 12-1 Rustic Lad, 14-1 Hush Money, Bitruda, 16-1 Desert Cry, 20-1 Trofty, Doodle Bug, Royal Cadet, Irish Paul, Liberty Lawyer. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.37; places, 66p, 35p, £1.80, 37p. B. Swift, at Headley. Sh hd, 1½l. 1min 29.90sec.

3.0 (3.4) SOMERVILLE TATTERSALL STAKES (2-y-o: £2,127: 7f)
Escapologist, b c, by Derring-Do—Escape (Mrs L. Culverwell), 9-1 G. Lewis (13-1) 1
Burleigh, ch c, by Charlottown—Running Blue (Miss E. Buckmaster), 8-11 J. Mercer (7-4 fav) 2
Consol, ch c, by Reliance II—Grandpa's Legacy (Mr A. Oldrey), 8-11 .... P. Eddery (9-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Prospect Rainbow, 14-1 Amy, Dashing Hussar, 16-1 Tal-Tal-Girl, 25-1 Matinee Idol, 33-1 Inkuband. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.38; places, 29p, 12p, 12p; dual forecast, £1.25. A. Budgett, at Wantage. Sh hd, sh hd. 1min 32.26sec.

3.30 (3.36) JOCKEY CLUB CUP (£3,782: 2m)
Petty Officer, b g, by Romulus—*Petty France* (Mrs J. Benskin), 7-9-3 .... E. Hide (7-2 jt fav) 1
Rasti, b c, by Ray—Stillia (Mr R. McCormick), 3-8-4 P. Eddery (7-2 jt fav) 2
Punch Up, b c, by Pretendre—Bogotana (Mrs L. Lazarus), 4-9-3 A. Murray (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 *Mister Ormondo*, Straight As A Die (4th), 8-1 Bronzetto. 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 22p, 21p; forecast, £1.47. A. Budgett, at Wantage. ¾l, 3l. 3min 38.60sec.

4.0 (4.4) BIRDCAGE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,175: 6f)
Rozel Buoy, ch c, by Laser Light—Protest (Mr B. Robinson), 9-5 G. Lewis (7-2 fav) 1
Fastacre, br c, by Linacre—Ennel (Mr V. Advani), 8-11 Ron Hutchinson (10-1) 2
Nantucket, ch c, by Pall Mall—*Argentessa* (Mr P. *Goulandris*), 7-10 ...... W. Carson (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 10-1 The Goldstone (4th), 12-1 Noble Emperor, Musical Piece, Turnstone, 14-1 Great St Bernard, Tee Cee, 16-1 Dubello, Tavolia, Miss Go Lightly, Company Sergeant, Court Lane, 20-1 Shepherds Delight, Park Paddocks, Peter Cutler, *Soldiers Tale*, Sounds Good, Aunt Jean, My Ginny, Pretty Loyal. 22 ran.
TOTE: Win, 40p; places, 17p, 26p, 33p, 19p. S. Ingham, at Epsom. ¾l, ¾l. 1min 16.96sec.

4.30 (4.35) PARK PADDOCKS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,415: 1¼m)
Quiet, ch c, by Salvo—Night Appeal (Mr R. Richmond-Watson), 7-7 M. L. Thomas (9-1) 1
Heir Presumptive, ch c, by Tambourine II—Gloria Nicky (Mrs G. Forbes), 7-11 P. Cook (20-1) 2
Mischievous, b f, by Le Mesnil—Brushover (Mr R. Moller), 8-1 W. Carson (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Ballito, 9-2 Vice Squad (4th), 8-1 Casperdale, 14-1 Grey God, Harpist, Mark Henry, Our Nicholas, Woodland Reward, 16-1 Appin, Silver Strand, 20-1 Live Arrow, Petit Pretendre, Glimmer of Hope. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 71p; places, 19p, £1.24, 20p, 18p. G. Smyth, at Lewes. 2l, 4l. 3min 05.93sec.

4.55 (5.2) NEWMARKET CUP (£330: 2m)
Great Guns, b f, by Busted—Byblis (Mr L. Freedman), 5-8-2 P. Eddery (4-9) 1
Arisaig, ch h, by Acropolis—Holly Burke (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), 5-9-4 L. Piggott (9-2) 2
B Major, ch g, by Major Portion—*Babus* (*Mr R. Richmond-Watson*), 7-9-4 .... G. Lewis (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win, 15p; forecast, 28p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 7l, 1½l. 3min 34.65sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Nearly New, Petty Officer, £77.10. TREBLE: Persian Market, Escapologist, Rozel Buoy, £8.95. *Paid on first leg only.* JACKPOT: Not won, no consolation dividend. Pool of £829.00 carried forward to Newmarket today.

Hexham NH

2.0: 1, Crimson Carpet (6-1); 2, Pandaniel (9-4); 3, Taybar (7-4 fav). 6 ran.

2.30: 1, Rag Trade (8-1); 2, Sparkle Again (15-8 fav); 3, Another Rainbow (7-1). 5 ran.

3.0: 1, Marcus Lady (4-1); 2, Prince Town (2-1 jt fav); 3, Crackmans Cross (4-1). 6 ran. Even Cooler, 2-1 jt fav.

3.30: 1, Doriesa (4-6); 2, Peapack (11-4); 3, Celtic Gold (7-2). 5 ran. Golden Fort did not run.

4.0: 1, Inshalla (11-10 fav); 2, Border Grain (6-1); 3, Romany Legend (7-2). 9 ran.

4.30: 1, Handa Island (4-5); 2, Hell Happy (8-1); 3, Fishermans Inn (10-1). 4 ran. Fair Cheer did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE, Marcus Lady, Inshalla, £5.00. TREBLE: Rag Trade, Doriesa, Handa Island, £14.35.

Taunton NH

2.15: 1, Mon Drake (12-1); 2, Deny's Cottage (9-2 jt fav); 3, Code of the Road (7-1). 10 ran. Even Break, *Onegin*, 9-2 jt favs.

2.45: 1, Beaujolais Boy (10-1); 2, Arty Crafty (8-1); 3, Bills Bounty (7-1). 18 ran. Last Orders, 100-30 fav.

3.15: 1, Bybrook (7-2); 2, Redder's Boy (6-1); 3, Wily Willie (33-1). 11 ran. Remigio, 6-4 fav.

3.45: 1, Westerly Winds (4-9); 2, Sixer (11-4); 3, Benfro Star (5-2 fav). 6 ran.

4.15: 1, First Brief (10-1); 2, Overall (12-1); 3, Prince George (7-1). 15 ran. Gipsy Boy, 9-4 fav.

4.45: 1, Flintstone (4-1); 2, Ungbeau (9-4 fav); 3, Shining Heights (12-1). 18 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: Bybrook, First Brief, £38.15. TREBLE: Beaujolais Boy, Westerly Winds, Flintstone, £274.80.

Boxing

Indian with a feather or two in his cap

By Neil Allen
Boxing Correspondent

On May 27, in Paris, British professional boxing had one of its greatest successes when Kevin Finnegan won the European middleweight title and John Stracey the European welterweight championship. Yesterday we met their next opponents for the Albert Hall promotion on October 29.

Stracey will be boxing "Indian" Red Lopez *from* Los Angeles whose nickname stems from the fact that he is "on my mother's side one quarter Ute Indian and three-quarters English and on my father's side three-quarters Mission Indian and one quarter Mexican. Heinz 57!" Lopez, who is 29, has had more than 60 bouts but he had not boxed since July 26, 1973.

He explained his long absence from the ring had been caused by the break-up of his marriage and his unsuccessful attempts to avoid separation. But he admitted that there had been a couple of interruptions to his career before and that if he had been more regularly in action he might well be the world welterweight champion now. As it is, Lopez has twice boxed the reigning champion, José Napoles. In their first meeting he was stopped in the 15th round. "I went after him, lunging forward and I got dropped early in a one-sided fight. The second time I only *went seven rounds* but I did better. Napoles was all busted up, with three big cuts on his face, and if he hadn't got desperate I might have beaten him in another two rounds."

At 5ft 10in Lopez is tall for a welterweight and his last weigh-in, four days ago, made him 156lb for a match made at 150lb or 10st 10lb—three pounds over the official welterweight limit. One of the brightest feathers in his cap (of course he turned up with an Indian war bonnet yesterday) are his two victories inside the distance over Hedgemon Lewis, a great stylist, though Lewis won their third contest.

Eduardo Mazon, who is matched with Finnegan in a middleweight bout, epitomizes the hungry young Mexican boxer. He is only 21 but already has had 88 professional hours ("I had just two as amateur but not much time for that"). He has lost "about 13 fights" including three of the 10 contests he has had since he moved up to the middleweight. He had two close bouts, one a split points decision, with Oscar Alburado, who is now the world junior middleweight champion. But at only 5ft 8in *in height, Mazon will* have his problems against the tall Finnegan.

There was the usual language barrier as Mazon explained "I only speak little English" and some extraordinary confusion over his marital status before he proudly showed us a photograph of his young wife. He then asked his overseas agent, Bobby Neill, for an opinion of Finnegan. Neill replied swiftly, in a strong Scottish accent, "Verra deceptive. He doesna' seem tha' great but he always wins." Mazon looked puzzled and then changed the *subject to the weather.*

Kinshasa, Oct 17.—George Foreman, the world heavyweight boxing champion, and the challenger, Muhammad Ali, will weigh-in four days before their title bout here on October 30.

Baseball

Oakland take 3–1 lead in world series

Oakland, Oct 16.—Oakland Athletics moved within one game of their third consecutive world championship tonight with a 5—2 victory over Los Angeles Dodgers. Oakland lead the best-of-seven series 3—1.

Athletics opened up the fourth game with four runs on only two hits in the sixth inning off losing pitcher Messersmith. The winning pitcher was Holtzman, who also hit a home run for Oakland's first score in the third inning. It was *only the third home run for* Holtzman in his 10-year league career. Because of the designated hitter rule in the American League, Holtzman had not batted all season.

Holtzman was removed in the eighth inning after giving up a walk and single with two out. He was replaced by Fingers, who held Los Angeles at bay the rest of the way to record his second save in this series and his fifth overall in world series play, a record.—Reuter.

Motor racing

Three formula one events for Britain next season

By John Blunsden

The Federation Internationale Automobile, the world governing body for motor sport, have confirmed the dates for the 15 races which will qualify for the 1975 world championships for drivers and Formula One constructors.

As anticipated there are no big *surprises, and the only change* compared with this year's calendar concerns the Belgian and Monaco grand prix, which are reversed. However, there is some doubt whether the Belgian race will take place at all, for the Nivelles circuit is virtually bankrupt, and of the two alternative circuits, Zolder is unlikely to obtain a permit for a Formula One race due to its *paucity of facilities, and the* Spa-Francorchamps road circuit is unacceptable to most drivers on safety grounds.

Next year the Spanish Grand Prix will revert to Barcelona, the French Grand Prix moves back to Clermont-Ferrand for the first time since 1972, and the British Grand Prix will take place at Silverstone. *In* addition to our world championship qualifying race there will be two non-championship Formula One events in Britain next year—the Race of Champions at Brands Hatch on March 16 and the International Trophy at Silverstone on April 30. In the *world championship* for sports cars, Britain's round will take place on September 14 at Brands Hatch.

FORMULA ONE CHAMPIONSHIPS: January 12, Argentina; January 26, *Brazil*; March 2, South Africa; April 27, Spain (Barcelona); May 11, Monaco; May 25, Belgium; June 8, Sweden (Anderstorp); June 22, Netherlands (at Zandvoort); July 6, France (Clermont-Ferrand); July 19, Britain (Silverstone); August 3, West Germany; August 17, Austria; September 7, *Italy*; September 21, Canada (Mosport); October 5, United States (Watkins Glen).

SPORTS CAR CHAMPIONSHIP.—February 2, Daytona; March 23, Mugello; April 6, Dijon; April 20, Monza; May 4, Spa; May 18, Pergusa; June 1, Nürburgring; June 14/15, Le Mans; July 13, Watkins Glen; August 10, Paul Ricard 1,000 kilometres (France); Sept 14, Brands Hatch; October 19, Buenos Aires 1,000 kilometres; November 9, Kyalami (South Africa).

Rugby Union

Champions pick newcomers to face Somerset

Stuart Dix, of Gloucester, a promising young wing and Kingston, a scrum half, will make their first appearance for Gloucestershire in the champions' opening match against Somerset at Kingsholm, Gloucester, on October 26. It will be Dix's first championship game but Kingston, also from the Gloucester club, played for North Midlands last season.

With Pullin, last season's England and Gloucestershire captain, nursing a heel injury Protherough *is named as* hooker.

P. E. Butler (Gloucester); A. J. Morley (Bristol), J. A. Bayliss, R. Jardine, S. Dix; R. L. Redwood, P. Kingston (all Gloucester); B. G. Nelmes (Cardiff), D. V. Protherough (Moseley), M. A. Burton, A. Brinn, J. H. Fidler, J. A. Watkins (all Gloucester), D. M. Rollitt (Bristol), J. H. Haines (Gloucester). Replacements: D. E. Sorrell (Bristol), I. G. Reed (Gloucester), R. Hughes, R. Hills (St Pauls College).

Yesterday's results

RUGBY UNION: Schools matches. Milton Abbey 6, Bryanston 35; Whitgift 32, Hurstpierpoint 6; Wymondham 34, Royal Hospital School 4.

For the Record

Tennis

BARCELONA: W. Fibak beat I. Gisbert, 2—6, 7—[illegible], 6—3. I. Nastase beat U. Pinner, 6—1, 6—3; B. Borg beat H. Kary, [illegible]—7, 6—4. H. Solomon beat E. Dibbs, 7—6, 6—4, [illegible]—6; M. Orantes beat V. Gerulaitis, 6—2, 6—[illegible]; J. Kodes beat T. Okker, 6—1, 6—3; P. Jauffret beat G. Vilas, 7—5, 6—[illegible]. Miss G. Coles beat Miss V. Ruzici, 6—2, 3—6, 7—5.

SYDNEY: Australian indoor championships. Men's singles, first round: K. Rosewall beat B. Fairlie (New Zealand), 7—6, 6—2. Second round: A. Stone beat F. Stolle, 3—[illegible], retired; J. Newcombe beat M. Estep (US), 6—1, 7—6; Rosewall beat R. Carmichael, 7—5, 6—4; R. Tanner (US) beat I. el Shafei (Egypt), 6—2, 6—4.

LOS ANGELES: Miss C. Evert beat Miss R. Casals, 6—2, 6—7, 6—3; Miss V. Wade (GB) beat Miss J. Heldman (US), 6—4, 7—5.

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Rangers 5, California Golden Seals 3; Los Angeles Kings 1, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; Detroit Red Wings 4, Atlanta Flames 2; Vancouver Canucks 1, Minnesota North Stars 1; Chicago Black Hawks 1, Boston Bruins 0.

Squash rackets

LORD'S: Bath Club Cup: First division: Queen's beat MCC, 3—1 (Queen's names first): J. Leslie beat W. Sabry, [illegible], 9—[illegible], 9—8, 9—5; J. M. Ward beat A. Waddy, [illegible]—7, 1—[illegible], 10—8, 9—5; R. A. Dolman lost to P. Fuente, 8—10, 10—[illegible], 1—9, 6—[illegible].

Eton fives

Old Citizens beat Lugunuel 3—0.

PARLIAMENT, October 17

Steps towards European government approved

European Parliament
trasbourg

Parliament voted on a motion ebated yesterday (Wednesday) on mportant steps to be taken towards European union. It was greed that European union should omprise a political decisionaking centre destined to form e European government.

The recommendation from the olitical Affairs Committee that it ould also consist of a Parliament f one chamber elected by direct niversal suffrage and a chamber states was altered by an amendent moved by Lord Gladwyn K. Lib) on behalf of the Liberal oup, which Parliament accepted. The Gladwyn amendment ressed that it should comprise a rliament "consisting of at least chamber" elected by direct unirsal suffrage, but deleted the rerence to the chamber of states. said the amendment did not clude a second chamber of some nd.

The remainder of the motion was rried. European Union would o include a court of justice to sure observance of the law in the interpretation and application of treaties, agreements, and decisions, and to guarantee the primacy of the law of the union over national legislation, an economic and social committee would also be established.

The motion stressed that European union, as the political embodiment of the principles and objectives laid down in the treaties, must enable the Community to emerge and prevail as an economic and political union. It declared its readiness with the rest of the Community institutions to draw up a single report on European union.

LORD GLADWYN, speaking on his amendment, said it could always be decided in future whether a second chamber was also needed. There was a great deal of anti-Community feeling in many countries, not least in his own. At this crucial moment, to talk of a chamber of states might enable those anti-Europeans to say that this was a suggestion that Britain would be reduced to something like the state of Massachusetts and lose its status.

The amended motion was approved.

ortugal and EC move loser already

SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, nmissioner for external relans, said he hoped the changes ich were taking place in tugal would before long lead free elections and the consoliion of human rights and demotic freedom. That was important just for Portugal but also for Community.

alks had been held at several els and Portugal had been told the Community's willingness to k constructively with the Portuse Government to develop joint tions. The Portuguese saw the elopment of relations with the nmunity as a central part of r overall policy but were not dy to be more specific.

was clear from these contacts Portugal, heavily preoccupied, not yet formulated a precise y on the concrete way it would to move forward in its relas with the Community.

trade and economic terms Community and Portugal were ady moving steadily closer ther.

Coordination of direct life assurance law

The Legal Affairs Committee presented a motion on plans by the Commission for a first directive on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions on the taking up and pursuit of the business of direct life assurance.

The Commission also proposed a directive abolishing restrictions on the freedom of establishment in the business of direct life assurance.

The motion recognized the importance in the proposal of the "specialization system" by which life assurance business and indemnity insurance business were to be carried out by separate legal persons. They considered that this system offered the best protection for life policy holders since they would consequently not suffer as a result of possible losses in the indemnity insurance sector.

The motion gave its approval to both directives subject to certain understandings and amendments. The motion was approved.

rades proposed for help developing countries

rliament approved a motion the committee on developt and cooperation based on osals from the commission on grant of generalized tariff rences for 1975 on products nating in developing coun-

e motion considered it essenhat a review should take place e criteria for deciding which tries should benefit from the m. It declared that the only tries that might benefit immely from generalized prefer: were those which were still putably developing countries.

y policy must take account of ommunity's commitments to associated countries and the uarding of their interests. It med the measures proposed ford the least advanced coun- the better protection.

success of the scheme ded on the costs being d in an equitable manner. All trial countries or those with able per capita income must ipate.

Committee decided that the scheme should operate subo certain new considerations. oping countries could be d into three categories, ries with quite a strong comve position, countries which reached a certain state of ialization and non-industri- countries which exported

oncluded that liberalization rld trade created a danger eveloping countries would be placed in an unfavourable position vis-à-vis their industrialized competitors, hence the call for a new criteria.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES, vice-president of the commission and commissioner for external relations, said that at the moment the argument against reducing the list of beneficiaries was strong, but there was also a political argument.

It was important not to underestimate the delicate political problem there would be if the Community tried to distinguish between different beneficiaries. It would act as an irritant to the relations between the Community and a large number of these countries.

The scheme did not exist as a means of boosting the balance of payments of these countries, but as an encouragement towards their industrialization. There would be a difficulty in deciding which country came into which category.

He sympathized with the sentiment that the scheme should be used for the most needy developing countries, but had come to the conclusion that the best way was to ensure that the most developed countries industrially were not the countries which were less well off. They wanted a system whereby the most competitive countries did not scoop the pool.

The Commission would look at how the scheme worked. It left a lot to be desired but they would work to improve it.

The report was approved.

ew lease of life for thousands eese in eastern Europe

ie gras in the doldrums

briel Ronay

economic crisis gripping Vest as a result of oil increases has literally led a new lease of life ns of thousands of East ean geese.

foie gras industry, after of unprecedented boom, the doldrums. The gourof Western Europe can nger afford their daily g of the delicacy, ntly.

gary, which has cornered e gras market in Britain, and West Germany, up to 300 tons a year at a pound, has failed to uyers for 10 per cent of ason's output. The recescoming after a steady growth of between 15 per cent, has resulted in rieve for thousands of and bankruptcy for producers.

e-feeding of geese—for is how foie gras is d—is an exceedingly and unpleasant business does not attract either n farmers or East Eurollective farmers.

industry is, for reasons dition, centred on the town of Kiskunfelegyopulation 34,000).

2,000 people are now d in goose-fattening. attempts to put this cotdustry on an industrial have led to backyards, nts and coal cellars in ent blocks being trans- into production lines. the entrepreneurs, ing sometimes up to a local casuals, have sucin increasing the town's population tenfold in a ars.

all-pervading stench in m resulted, at the begiuf the new season of tion, in the first mass in Eastern Europe against the entrepreneurs, when the inhabitants of Kiskunfelegyhaza took to the streets to air their grievances.

This blow was followed by others. Several producers have been arrested for alleged tax evasion, involving in some instances several hundred thousand forints. Then the state purchasing company, which had in the past given every encouragement to the industry, with an eye to the export profits, has now stopped paying the special "liver premium" that had made goose-fattening so lucrative.

With the fall in profits the number of private producers is declining rapidly, and attempts to introduce goose-fattening in the collective farms on an industrial basis have produced dismal results, with grave effects on next year's foie gras prices.

It is one thing to fatten a goose and quite another to produce foie gras, as some of the entrepreneurs and collective farms have learnt to their cost.

I saw at the beginning of the new production season how a five-fifteen fold increase in the weight of the bird's liver was achieved further east in Eastern Europe. The geese are force-fed twice daily and deprived of any exercise. Their staple diet, maize and walnuts, is stuffed down their throats with a long stick. Mechanical feeders, causing even more suffering to the birds, have been discarded because of the high mortality rate due to choking. The secret, I was told, lies in the feed mixture and the woman's ability to get the maximum amount of food into the bird's gizzard as smoothly as possible.

In view of the suffering inflicted by the producers, the present recession in the foie gras industry is perhaps not such a bad thing.

Offers over £65,000 are being asked for Middle Farm, Wotton Underwood, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire (above). Also included in the price is around 22 acres

Residential Property

Inverted and made of glass

So-called contemporary architecture comes in many forms; presumably even neo-Georgian could be included as a popular contemporary style. A more specific use of the word would be to describe something that breaks away from traditional concepts and even house-building materials, but these are much more rarely met. Most home-buyers have a cautious approach to the higher flights of contemporary fancy, but there are many, for all that, who feel that not enough experiment is being made with new ideas and new building styles.

For somebody sympathetic to that approach, a most interesting property just on the market is Middle Farm, at Wotton Underwood, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. It was designed by the architectural firm of Michaelis Park Associates and completed about a year ago. One of the main elements in the design brief was that the structure should be as fireproof, soundproof and as near maintenance-free as possible. The result is a house mainly of glass on a special self-anodizing steel frame which weathers to the colour of teak.

Inside, the accommodation reverses the more usual pattern, with the four bedrooms, dining hall and kitchen on the ground floor, and the whole of the upper part of the house given over to an immense open living area some 60ft by 30ft, to obtain maximum views over the relatively flat surrounding countryside. Outside there is a more conventional brick barn, suitable for conversion either to a guest suite or perhaps a squash court or studio. About 22 acres, including a lake, go with the house, for which offers over £65,000 are being asked through Brown and Merry, of Wendover.

To go from one extreme to another, Salmans House, at Penshurst, Kent, is thought to have originated in the fourteenth century, built, perhaps, about the same time as the Great Hall of Penshurst Place. The structure shows many early characteristics, particularly some of the beaming and wattle and daub in-fill. About 1800 an intermediate floor was inserted into the great hall and at about the same time much of the exterior was hung with Kentish tiles. The house now has three main reception rooms, a study, six bedrooms and a dressing room. Gardens and grounds cover about 27 acres. It is being offered for sale as a whole or in two lots through Lane Fox and Partners, of London, who are indicating a price of about £100,000.

Another really old property is Corpus Christi House, at Steeple Langford, near Salisbury. Reputedly dating to about 1588 and still mainly original although with a small addition, it is built of stone and knapped flint under a tiled roof. The land on which it is built is said to have been bought by Cardinal Wolsey to provide revenue for Corpus Christi College, Oxford, in whose benefice it was until 1960. Accommodation includes three reception rooms, six main bedrooms, plus a dressing room, and five attic rooms on the second floor. Various outbuildings include an old barn roofed with ship's timbers. The property is being offered with just over 3½ acres through John Jeffery and Son, of Salisbury. Offers between £70,000 and £80,000 are expected.

Another sixteenth century building but of smaller proportions is The Crooked House, at Wickham Market, Suffolk. Built partly of brick and partly of stud and plaster colourwashed pink in the Suffolk manner, the house is listed as a grade II building of special architectural and historical interest. There are two reception rooms and three bedrooms, but in addition there is a small self-contained flat, which could be incorporated into the main accommodation. It is for sale at £34,000 through Dennis H. B. Neal, of Woodbridge.

A little farther up the price scale is Chants Cottage, at Angmering Village, West Sussex. Dating from the early sixteenth century and still very much in the style of the period it has brick, flint and timbered walls with an old tile and stone-slab roof. Good renovation has preserved much of the charm of the interior and there are a sitting room with an inglenook fireplace, a dining room, morning room and a main bedroom and bathroom suite and three further bedrooms. Offer of about £50,000 are being asked through King and Chasemore, of Rustington, and Fox and Sons.

West Stafford House, near Dorchester, Dorset, has come into the market at £175,000. At that price one would expect many attractions, and the list is heavy. It is, for instance, a grade I listed building of the seventeenth century, and there are about 28½ acres of grounds with the Frome flowing through them, on which there is good trout fishing along about half a mile of the river banks. The main house is thought to incorporate traces of an earlier manor house, and a wing was added in the last century in keeping with the general design. Accommodation includes four reception rooms, six main and two secondary bedrooms, and there is full central heating. Two staff cottages are included in the sale. The agents are Humbert, Flint, Rawlence and Squarey.

To change the picture completely once more, Ridgeway Cottage, near Mitcheldean, Gloucestershire, is a small country cottage with several points of interest. Basically it is probably mid-nineteenth century, brick-built with rough cast walls and slate roof. There is one sitting room, a combined kitchen and breakfast room and two bedrooms. In addition, a studio room 22ft long has been built on and from it there is access to a low storage room under the kitchen, usefully adding to what is otherwise a fairly small cottage. It has fine views over woodlands and towards the Severn. The price is £11,500, through C. J. Easterbrook and Co, of Cheltenham.

An unusual new house sales inducement has been thought up by West New Homes, the housebuilders, of Reading, which may be a sign of the times in more senses than one. The company builds houses in the Home Counties in the £13,000 to £28,000 range. With each new home it is offering a buyer the opportunity of buying a 1.2 kilowatt generator at less than a third of the usual cost: £80 against £250. Although small, the generator would at least help during power cuts, particularly in relation to deep freezers.

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Further information and application forms can be obtained from Borough Administrative and Legal Officer, Town Hall, Erith, Kent, or telephone Pauline Hearn on 01-303 7777 Ext. 484. Closing date 11th November, 1974.

Bexley
LONDON BOROUGH

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Development Corporation's Chief Administrative Office, John Beckett (he is responsible for finance as well) is looking for someone with a healthy appetite for work to join his administrative team responsible for the organisation of committee and project team working.

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Application forms can be had by telephoning **0733 60311 Extension 26, and we would like them sent back to the General Manager, Peterborough Development Corporation, Peterscourt, Peterborough PE1 1UJ by 4 November 1974.**

Greater Peterborough

Institute of Manpower Studies

DIRECTOR

The Council of the Institute of Manpower Studies is seeking applicants for the post of Director of the IMS. The present Director will complete his agreed term of office not later than July 1975.

The main IMS research group is located on the campus at the University of Sussex. The Institute is an independent organisation supported from a variety of sources—government, industry and education—and undertakes manpower studies, and work on their application, at international and national levels and at that of the individual organisation, of whatever size.

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Enquiries should be made in the first instance to Mr. H. S. Mullaly, Chairman of IMS Executive Committee, at Britannic House, London EC2Y 9BU; telephone 01-920 6926.

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The association represents the 333 new district councils of England and Wales in their relations with Parliament, central government and other national bodies.

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Application forms and job descriptions may be obtained from The Secretary, Association of District Councils, 25 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LE (01-828 7425). Closing date Monday, 11th November, 1974.

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THE SECRETARY,
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CLWYD

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Area personnel officer

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Applications are invited from Officers employed within the reorganised Health Service in England and Wales, and should be returned by not later than 6th *November, 1974.*

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
Chief Executive and Clerks Department

Deputy County Prosecuting Solicitor

£6,384-£6,960

POST No. CE 368

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Application forms and further details are obtainable from the Director of Personnel and Central Services, County Offices, Lincoln (tel. Lincoln 29931 ext. 317) to whom completed forms should be returned by *8 November, 1974.*

WANSBECK

Deputy Administrative Officer— Legal

Salary Scale P.O.2 (£5,412-£5,967)

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The successful applicant will be responsible to the Chief Administrative Officer for the co-ordination and administration of the legal section, including Land Charges.

Applications giving full details of qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees to reach me by the 8th November, 1974.

R. R. NUTTALL,
Chief Executive, Town Hall,
Ashington, Northumberland,
NE63 8RX.

Wansbeck District Council

YORKSHIRE WATER AUTHORITY

DIVISION DIRECTOR

South Western Division
up to £9,850

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Applications giving full details and quoting RN98/T should reach the Personnel Officer, West Riding House, 67 Albion Street, Leeds LS1 5AA by the 4th November, 1974.

YORKSHIRE WATER AUTHORITY

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The political and espionage thriller has been considerably undermined these days by real events which (cf Watergate and the merry frolics of the CIA) always manage to stay a great deal stranger than anything the wit of the novelist can devise. Frederick Forsyth's approach to the genre, in *The Day of the Jackal* and now *The Odessa File*, has been to skirt likelihood very close, to take an incident that might have been and (he challenges us) very probably was.

In *The Day of the Jackal* it was a plot to assassinate De Gaulle; in *The Odessa File* it is the uncovering of a secret community of German ex-war criminals who wield immense funds (based on SS war booty) in mutual concealment and protection.

Jon Voight is a young journalist who discovers the existence of the organization—ODESSA—while trying to track down one particular former Nazi who killed his father. The quest takes on a Kafka air, as every turn is blocked by solid, prosperous, settled bourgeois of the German Miracle, who have something to hide and a murderous will to keep it hidden.

The director is Ronald Neame, fresh (or fairly so) from his huge commercial success with *The Poseidon Adventure*. Here, as a change from dealing with an all-star cast close-confined on a sinking ship, he is working with actors mostly unfamiliar to the English speaking audience. Though they are generally well deployed, the mixture of German and English players has imposed on the film the awkward necessity of using heavy German accents throughout—a fairly illogical convention in a setting where all the characters are supposed to be of the same nationality.

With photography by Oswald Morris, meticulously detailed production design and location selection (Rolf Zehetbauer) and a script that is prepared to rely on action rather than the wordy exposition which is always the danger of this kind of film, it is all well crafted: and the suspense of the story just about holds up against a certain pervading stodginess.

Saul Bass has been one of the most influential graphic designers of the century, with his genius for discovering the most precise and beautiful visual metaphor. He arrived in the cinema as a revolutionary poster designer, with the memorable publicity he devised for the films of Otto Preminger. He moved on to title design and story boards, and even closer collaborations with film-makers. Hitchcock denies that Bass actually directed the celebrated shower murder in *Psycho*, but there is no doubt about his work on the racing scenes in *Grand Prix*.

Irresistibly Bass moved on to make his own films (*Why Man Creates*); and *Phase IV* is his first feature. In essence it is a fairly familiar science-fiction horror tale: an imbalance of nature suddenly reveals itself in the Arizona desert: the ants develop a superior communal intelligence and pit themselves against the rest of the animal kingdom, with the conquest of man himself as their ultimate goal.

The story is simple, and simply constructed as a war of phases between the ants and their immediate opponents—two scientists and a girl in shock, besieged in their laboratory, a geodosic dome. The two main human characters are a fairly conventional opposition, too—Nigel Davenport as the obsessive one sacrificing everything to science, Michael Murphy always motivated by his human sympathies.

The point of *Phase IV*, though, is not its literary structure but the way Bass tells his story through images and colours. It has the narrative purity and fluency of a strip cartoon, but the visual attack of Bass's own graphic work—the raw blues and yellows and reds; the daily assault of the red desert sun; the horror of a landscape dyed all yellow by insecticide; the memory of Buñuel in the image of ants crawling out of a hole in a dead man's hand; the strange prehuman and superhuman constructions and geometrical devices created as their war machines by the ants' mysterious intelligence.

Microscopic photography of insects is brilliantly used for fictional and dramatic purposes; the film climaxes with a shot of perfect mystery and horror when an egg-laying ant, gigantically magnified on the screen, suddenly produces a single egg in the acid yellow of the insecticide to which the ant-race has now become conditioned.

Directed by John Korty, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* was made for television, and achieved a very large reputation with its television showing in the United States. It presents a panorama of the history and fight for recognition of the American Negro, as seen through the eyes of a woman of 110 who has lived long enough to remember the Emancipation, and to strike her own small blow, in 1962, for Civil Rights.

It is decent and dignified where it needed to be passionate and poetic (*Little Big Man*, attempting a comparable theme, did manage moments of epic). Cicely Tyson's performance somehow epitomizes the film: a study of an ancient lady, conscientiously studied in every detail; and even from time to time touching (or as touching as any actress could be, disguised in red contact lenses and layers of makeup of the texture of a plastic rhino). Its sincerity is to its credit: and, as Boston sadly shows, its theme is not only a matter of old history.

John Frankenheimer was one of the first major cinema directors to come from television. *99 44-100 per cent Dead* (nobody yet seems to have made any sense out of the title) leads one to fear that he could not easily go back there, because the film has not in any respect the speed or attack of the most banal television series drama.

There are occasional lead-heavy hints that it is supposed to be a black parody of the gangster-war movie; but all it manages is to adopt the nastiest and most tedious aspects of the style, without ever rising to the critical comedy proper to parody. Frankenheimer and his turgid script (by Robert Dillon) manage to bring out the very worst in Richard Harris, Edmund O'Brien, Bradford Dillman and Chuck Connors, not to speak of the supporting players. To think that Frankenheimer once directed *The Manchurean Candidate!*

This week's films in the continuing series of D. W. Griffith classics at the new Gate Cinema in Notting Hill are *Way Down East*, *Isn't Life Wonderful?* and *Sally of the Sawdust*. *Way Down East* (1920) saw Griffith at the peak of his talent and success. He had confounded all those who laughed when he announced that he would adapt Lottie Blair Parker's hoary melodrama: Lillian Gish's playing as Anna Moore, the little unmarried mother cast out into the storm, remains affecting and at moments (the baptism of her dying child) chilling; and the great last-minute rescue on the ice-floes (done in mid-winter with an authenticity that would certainly have been the death of any less determined trouper than Gish) is still breathtaking.

When Griffith came to make *Isn't Life Wonderful?* (1924), his career was already set in decline; yet this is reckoned one of his best, though least-known films. The story, about the sufferings of a group of war refugees, is a remarkable portent of Italian neo-realism in its use of documentary images and the actual locations of defeated Germany—an almost unprecedented undertaking at the period.

Sally of the Sawdust (1925) is a very unexpected collaboration between Griffith and W. C. Fields, on an adaptation of the latter's great stage success *Poppy*. The effortfully patrician Griffith and the anarchically disreputable Fields did not, it seems, at all understand each other's sense of fun; but it is touching to discover that when both men were at the bitter ends of their lives, they talked of a new collaboration, on a version of *Pickwick*.

The Can Opener
The Place

Irving Wardle

Theatrically it is still a long way from Paris to London, and Victor Lanoux's 90-minute piece, chirpily anglicized by Charles Wood, lends support to the sound old principle that 50,000 Frenchmen can't be right.

Here we are, back at the end of the world, with Bill and Ben the end game men gamely clowning through and dropping a few cryptic hints on the human condition. The latest round in the Apocalypse Follies takes place in a cellar which Farrah has littered with railway sleepers, sections of track, and a station clock; but as none of this gear gets mentioned in the dialogue, I am uncertain whether to attribute it to the author or to the happy invention of his director Walter Donohue. What is integral is a rickety periscope, through which the trapped couple peer glumly from time to time, and enough cans of peas to stock every supermarket in North London. Those, plus some invisible cakes, are their survival rations.

Not that we first see them in that light. To start with, we get a commercial for the peas and throughout the play whenever the brand name crops up, one of the boys chalks the score on a blackboard. Also, they begin by using the cans as gambling chips. Bill (Joe Melia) scoops the lot and prepares to make an ample dinner. But alas and alack, the opener is not to be found, and the couple are left with nothing but 12 invisible cakes (size unspecified) between themselves and starvation. The set contains any number of sharp objects, with which they might have opened the cans, but it is not that sort of play.

In what remains of the time (most of it) we observe them starving to death. Bill sits meditating on the clock: Ben (Roy Kinnear) eats his belt and boils up his boots on the stove (gas and electricity services remaining unaffected by the cosmic calamity). But mainly they play games. How else could a playwright fill in the time? They play doctors, and bank robbers, and animals. They switch names. They unload the peas down a drain and then, too late, discover the opener. They toy with the idea of cannibalism.

Until that point, Mr Melia is always the dominant partner; a brainy sadistic tormentor to his gutsy masochistic companion. But when cannibalism looms, guts take over control. The relationship is obviously well suited to these two performers; Mr Melia's foxy comic style setting off Mr Kinnear's line in quivering mock-bravado. They have some nice moments. "I like you", smirks Mr Kinnear, coyly slipping off one Wellington boot, and serenading his aggressor with extracts from "Swan Lake" on the penny whistle.

They also merge effectively at the end into a single bandaged creature. But it would be nice to see this partnership working with the material on its side; on Wednesday it did not stop a good many people from nodding off.

Broadway hit

Alan Ayckbourn has just returned from New York where his play *Absurd Person Singular* has been a great hit on Broadway. It stars Geraldine Page and Sandy Dennis and is directed by Eric Thompson, who also directed the London production now at the Vaudeville.

Joe Pass
Ronnie Scott's Club

Miles Kington

Jazz guitarists had a 20-year start on rock music in which to exploit the new electronic resources of the instrument and threw it away. All the time they could have been exploring the tonal possibilities, in the '40s and '50s, they preferred to settle for a bland, plush tone and unadventurous rhythms, relying for effect entirely on speed and cool but complex harmonies. By 1960 they had become wonderfully agile, extremely tasteful and crushingly boring, unless they had the rare elegance of Jim Hall or the wit of Bill Harris (who made one very fine LP on acoustic guitar, then vanished). Now, after the rock revolution has expanded our minds to the weird and wonderful things that can be done to a guitar, it takes a really exceptional musician to keep the old conventional modern jazz guitar alive.

Which brings us to Joe Pass, who is doing exactly that at Ronnie Scott's till the end of next week. True to tradition, his tone is monotone, as if he preferred to make films in black-and-white rather than colour, but his mastery of all the virtues of the style is so complete that criticism is disarmed. His repertoire is the vast store of high class American standards ("I can't think what to play next", he drily told Wednesday's audience; "I have a list of 10,000 tunes here, and I hate them all.") and on their harmonic sophistication he weaves his own fast-moving chords and filigree work so nimbly that it is hard to believe fingers can physically shift so quickly. Slightly moustached, fairly balding, he frowns over his fretwork like a worried head waiter with more guests than tables, but the sound that comes out could only be the confident product of years of devotion to the instrument.

In front of bassist Lennie Bush and drummer Tony Crombie he sounds good enough. But it is when he plays completely solo, which he does for half of each set, that he comes into his own, because without the hindrance of the rhythm section he can completely orchestrate each number. Sometimes it is by contrasting out of tempo sections with fast-moving interludes, sometimes by switching mood from wistful to lightly swinging, sometimes by alternating single-note lines with chords or simultaneous bass line and melody—the possibilities seem endless. Luckily, there is a new LP by him which captures all this on vinyl, as someone has had the unusual good sense to record him all alone. It is called *Virtuoso* and rightly so.

Royal Ballet
Sadler's Wells

John Percival

It was tough luck on Desmond Kelly to hurt himself rehearsing on Wednesday, but nobody could feel short-changed by the performances of his two substitutes in Wednesday's new programme by the Royal Ballet touring company. Alain Dubreuil came straight from *Les Sylphides* to partner Antoinette Sibley in the *Flower Festival* showpiece duet, with only a brief pause in which to change both costume and style.

In physique as well as technique he suits Bournonville's choreography, looking rather like old photographs of Danish dancers. His manner is buoyant, his step springy, and his partnering neatly complements Sibley in her most winningly feminine mood.

Stephen Jefferies stepped into the title part of *Prodigal Son*, a role he has played with great success on tour. I find him the most cogent of British interpreters of this part; his dancing is not only forceful, but every movement has meaning.

He brings an individual feeling to the ballet. I like the way he gets a fit of giggles on first seeing the strange drinking companions, becoming nervous only when he comes closer.

His sense of complete desolation brings a stark beauty to the homecoming. Impressive, too, is the mixture of shame and lust he implies during his seduction by the Siren, played by Vyvan Lorrayne with much more convincing detail than when she first tried the role.

Production rehearsals by Barbara Fewster, who was assistant ballet mistress when Cranko created *Pineapple Poll*, have refreshingly sharpened the details of that ballet too, as much by eliminating accretions as by restoring lost touches. Even the strongest current cast of principals gains from the changes, and the greater liveliness of the chorus backs them more amusingly.

The Little Hut
Duke of York's

Charles Lewsen

It is 24 years since my mother took me to see this comedy adapted by Nancy Mitford from André Roussin and directed by Peter Brook; 24 years since she sat embarrassed that her adolescent son was witnessing a play that took adultery for granted, and even made poetry of it. On Wednesday my father accompanied me; but our shared experience was not embarrassment, but delighted respect.

This charade, of the wife shipwrecked on the desert island, bestowing her sexual favours on husband and lover openly and in strict rotation, starts by facing the fact that the joy of adultery may spring more from the pleasure of furtiveness than that of sex. It goes on to suggest that a cuckold may feel more deeply for his best friend when he discovers that they are united by love for the same woman; finally it throws in the unpalatable observation that a European woman may more comfortably surrender to the charm of a negro if she thinks him a prince instead of a cook.

Roussin lets his characters speak in a stream of inconsequentiality, "Think how stupid you'd feel if he killed you and the next day a rescue ship arrived", but he beadily fixes his gaze on reality from the initial breaking down of pretence to its reassertion with the arrival of the ship and the departure from Eden.

The Little Hut may not have been the best comedy of its day; in that decadent pre-Osborne era it had to compete with *The Cocktail Party* and *Ring Round The Moon*; but, looking down the list of our current comedies, I can think of nothing at present running that is so honestly, sharply funny.

After a tense start on Wednesday, Geraldine McEwan gave a varied account of the wife's genteel insatiability. James Villiers moved joyfully from the husband's squareness, through skittishness to touching serenity. Gerald Harper lacks the hysterical energy to expose the lover as the most conventional of the trio, and the aimless moves devised for him by the director Hugh Crutwell do not aid focus. Hutchinson Scott's set has the invention, if not the explosive colour, of Messel's original.

Bootsie and Snudge
Granada

Alan Coren

There are times, as John Wayne put it so succinctly, in as I seem to recall, *Sands of Iwo Jima*, when a critic's gotta do what a critic's gotta do. Times, that is, when, however passionately he wishes for something to succeed, he nevertheless has to go in and belt it for the rubbish it so inescapably is.

Or, in this case, has become. A dozen years ago, under the deft and subtle hands of their original scriptwriters, Bill Fraser and Alfie Bass developed one of those intermeshed love-hate relationships which have, at their best, been the pure gold of television comedy. Bootsie and Snudge were embossed high on the honours board, just below Hancock and Sid, and the Steptoes, two genuine eccentrics bound together by bizarre ties not unlike those which locked Holmes to Moriarty as they spun into the Reichenbach Falls. And everything that they were given to say, everything that they were given to do, contributed to the enrichment of both their individual characters and their curious relationship; there was not an extraneous gag, not a single gratuitous mug or mutter. It was a mosaic which made the preposterous believable.

On Wednesday, in the first episode of the comeback, not only was the preposterous given its irritating head, but the gags, such as they were, could have been mouthed by anyone; they did not emerge from the relationship. To take the preposterous first, was it necessary to make Bootsie a millionaire pools winner and Snudge the pool's employee destined to turn up with the cheque? Could no new context be found in the realistic tradition of the army hut or the seedy officers' club?

And the gags—"I feel like a Guinness and black currant juice," "You look like one an' all," or "the sheikh was quite tiny, but he had a very big factotum," or "he was having trouble with his pipeline, his neighbours wanted to cut it off"—what were they but *Carry On* rejects?

Fraser and Bass tried to save this abysmal script with much frenetic eye-rolling and spluttering. But what could such visual echoes of their prime do but remind us of what they no longer were?

One Pair of Eyes
BBC 2

Leonard Buckley

Tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor—Eric Newby, travel writer and subject of this programme on Wednesday seems to have spent his time remustering from one trade to another. After an early job in advertising he sailed before the mast. A career in the ragtrade was interrupted by expeditions to Afghanistan and the Isle of Wight. Life for him, he explained, has been an exercise in erratic navigation in which the next chart has almost always been missing.

Much of his story came to us as a lantern lecture illustrated by his snaps. And though energetic work in the studio with jerking frames and sound effects gave some substance to his time at sea, one could remember better reconstructions of life on the ocean wave. Much more effective were his slides of a journey by rowing boat down the Ganges.

That, he told us, was the last great experience of his life, and it gave him his fill of just goggling as a tourist. He did not reconcile this assertion for us with his subsequent long years as travel editor of *The Observer*, years which must surely have encouraged many of his readers to do precisely that. Instead we skipped ahead to have him reassert his liking for high and savage places—places that he seemed finally to be able to find in the British Isles.

Altogether this was the kaleidoscope of one man's life rather than the expression of one point of view. Told with a cheerful mixture of self-confidence and self-denigration, it made a pleasantly engrossing hour, even if it was not particularly profound. The philosophy was limited to Masefield bits about the lonely sea and the sky. Mr Newby told us that he had indeed been lucky and that he would sooner laugh than cry. In the accepted English way, of course, he also told us several times that he could never understand mathematics. But when his programme pulled out all the stops to show us a storm he said that it made him feel like the lowest common factor in the world.

Park Lane Music Players
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Stanley Sadie

The Park Lane Music Players are a new ensemble, an offshoot of the Park Lane Group; somewhere between chamber and orchestra in size, they aim "to cover a broad range of music".

One ought, perhaps, not to be too discouraged by their unpropitious debut. The items which went best were the opening Flourishes, Monteverdi's *Orfeo* toccata and some Gabrieli canzonas; although these days the sound of modern instruments is beginning to seem foreign to such music. Roger Norrington conducted two other items: *Siegfried Idyll*, a performance with some sensitive detail but little wholeness or warmth or sense of flow; and Bruno Maderna's *Venetian Journal* of 1972.

It is a wholly frivolous piece, a collage of prerecorded tapes with allusive scraps of music from the ensemble against which a tenor, the admirable Richard Lewis, declaims and sings once risqué excerpts from Boswell's Venetian diaries. The joke, such as it is, quickly wears thin.

The other novelty was a piece called *Ohimè*, a fantasy by Judith Weir, a Cambridge composer aged 20, on the pair of chords against which Monteverdi's Orpheus responds to the news of Eurydice's death. It is ingeniously laid out for violin, cello, flute, clarinet, piano and percussion; there are some nicely conceived sounds, built around Monteverdi's striking juxtaposition of triads. The juxtaposition inevitably becomes less striking in the piece's brief course, and the single idea cannot quite hold the music together. But there is certainly some imagination here.

This piece was conducted by Edwin Roxburgh, who also directed a lifeless performance, with ill-tuned solo playing, of a dullish Vivaldi concerto for viola d'amore, and Messiaen's *Couleurs de la cité céleste*: ing the greatest deftness and precision as well as richness of colour and sense of rhetoric; and a tentative performance, with most of the chords spread and ill-balanced and little feeling for the work's brilliance or grandeur, simply will not do.

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Queen's Bench Division

Mr Paul Foot: Why I printed blackmail names

Regina v Socialist Worker Publishers & Printers Ltd and Another, Ex parte Attorney General

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Milmo and Mr Justice Ackner

The Attorney General is not asking for Mr Paul Foot to be sent to prison for contempt for publishing the names of witnesses who the judge directed should be referred to by initials during the Janie Jones trial for blackmail at the Central Criminal Court.

The Attorney General, Mr Sam Silkin, QC, made his position clear at the outset of the second day's hearing of the contempt proceedings against Mr Foot and the *Socialist Worker*. He said that, in view of what had been published in certain newspapers and other media, if their Lordships were satisfied that Mr Foot's article amounted to contempt, any question of penalty was for the court.

The Lord Chief Justice: The penalty is entirely at large.

The Attorney General: Entirely at large, and I would no more think of seeking to influence the court in the matter of penalty than if I were undertaking a prosecution.

Summarizing his submission Mr Silkin said that judges had inherent power to control proceedings and could exercise the power in the way in which it had been exercised in the present case. However their Lordships could take judicial notice of the fact that it was a long-standing practice for the power to be exercised in such a manner in blackmail cases. The trial judge had no power to order persons outside the court, whether the press or public, to do or not to do whatever he might desire. In general a trial judge had no jurisdiction over the press or anyone outside his court.

The sole question was whether their Lordships' court's power to commit for contempt could be used as an aid, the only aid available, to the due administration of justice. If it could not, then there was an obvious gap in the law, and countless directions in countless cases had been almost useless. It might be thought surprising that there had never been a previous challenge to such a direction until Mr Foot made his challenge.

The court's inherent power, the Attorney submitted, was not so confined that it could not come to the aid of public policy in the form of the due administration of justice.

Mr Silkin read to the court and commented on an affidavit by Mr Foot, then acting editor of the *Socialist Worker*. He said that at the time of writing the article, which was published on April 13, he had not attended either of the trials of Miss Janie Jones.

"I was not aware that any order had been made by the trial judge, prohibiting the disclosure of the identities of Mr Y and Mr Z. My understanding was that at some stage of the trial there had been a discussion about the question of disclosure and that the judge had said he would permit the witnesses to be referred to as Mr Y and Mr Z. I also understood that the judge had requested the representatives of the press who were in court not to disclose the names. In 13 years of journalistic experience I have always believed that such requests have no legally binding effect and that it is in the discretion of an editor or journalist whether or not to comply with such a request."

The Lord Chief Justice asked what consequences, if any, followed from Mr Foot holding that opinion.

Mr Silkin submitted that it did not affect anything except possibly penalty. The passage should be read in conjunction with the article which included the statement: "By prior arrangement with the judge, the barristers and the hacks on the press bench, the names of the gentlemen whose curious tastes led to the prosecution in the first place are hidden."

The Lord Chief Justice: It may be that he is challenging the fact that journalists accept the position.

The affidavit said that he attended court on April 17 and he then caused his solicitors to make inquiries as to the precise words used by the judge when speaking to the representatives of the press who were present in court at the time. The transcript exhibited to the affidavit of Detective Inspector Penrose related to charges alleging that Miss Jones exercised control over the movements of prostitutes and attempted to pervert the course of public justice.

"My understanding as a journalist is that the trial judge merely directed that the relevant witnesses in that trial should be permitted to withhold their full names and that counsel engaged in the trial should refer to them by letters. It did not appear to me that the trial judge purported to make a direction to the press and, in my submission, this is borne out by his words to the representatives of the press when the court rose. . . .

"I have been unable to find any evidence that the trial judge gave any direction in relation to the later trial of Miss Jones on five counts of blackmail and two counts of obtaining property by deception. I refer to the extracts of witnesses' evidence . . . which do not indicate that there was any further discussion or any direction, although various witnesses were allowed to identify themselves by letters. The only reference to an order was made by counsel for the prosecution immediately after Mr Y had been sworn. When Mr Z appeared in the box counsel for the prosecution merely said that his Lordship had given permission for the witness to be referred to as Mr Z.

"When I wrote the article my object was to criticize informal agreements of the kind I have described to preserve the anonymity of witnesses in court. My argument was that arrangements of this kind appear to have no justifiable rationale and tend to protect people who should not properly be given this protection, often to the detriment of the accused. I regarded this trial of Miss Jones as a glaring example of the unfairness of protecting rich and disreputable witnesses by such informal agreements, particularly when contrasted with the absence of anonymity for less well connected witnesses in rape and other cases.

"It has been put to me that all witnesses who come forward to the police with allegations of blackmail should be afforded the protection of anonymity. This argument cannot apply to the facts as I understand them of the prosecution of Miss Jones for blackmail. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, neither Mr Y nor Mr Z went to the police to make complaints against Miss Jones.

"My understanding is that they were interviewed by the police as potential material witnesses in the course of the investigation into the prostitution offences alleged to have been committed by Miss Jones. They were compellable witnesses and were required to disclose to the police details of their behaviour with prostitutes and of their financial transactions with Miss Jones. There is no basis, as far as I am aware, for any suggestion that they were witnesses who came forward of their own free will and agreed to give evidence in reliance upon a promise that their anonymity would be preserved. If any promise of anonymity was made in the course of the investigation, it was not given as a result of witnesses coming forward voluntarily and the potential difficulties of any such undertaking are referred to in the transcript.

"It was not my intention to interfere in any way with the proceedings against Miss Jones and I had every reason to believe that the trial would be over before the article was published. I wrote the article on Friday, April 5 . . . I assumed that the case would be over before publication. . . . It was only as a result of an adjournment which I had not foreseen that the case did not end before publication.

"Nevertheless, even though the article was published before the jury considered its verdict, they could not have been influenced by any reference in the article to the —Mr Silkin paraphrased 'matters he refers to in respect of'—Mr Z because that was put to Mr Z by counsel for the defence."

Mr Ronald Waterhouse, QC, for Mr Foot, said that the judge's direction, made in the first Janie Jones trial for prostitution offences, cloaked all witnesses with anonymity. She was acquitted in the second trial, on the blackmail charges. The evidence of Mr Y and Mr Z was not accepted, and High Court proceedings were in train in relation to certain moneys.

Counsel submitted that if any kind of discretion resided in a trial judge it had to be exercised with the gravest care in relation to the facts of the case. Only if the ends of justice would be defeated in a particular case could a judge make an order for anonymity.

Originally the magistrate at the committal proceedings took the view that anonymity should not be given. He was told that an assurance had been given by the DPP and the magistrate changed his mind.

It was apparent in the cross-examination of Mr Z that counsel wished to cross-examine him about a previous conviction. He was clearly inhibited about attacking Mr Z's credibility because, as Mr Z said, "if you start questioning me about that you might as well shout my name out loud".

The practice was irregular in that a direction was not made in every blackmail case. The matter had to be decided by the trial judge in the light of arguments which might be made against anonymity.

Mr Waterhouse submitted that no order had been made by the trial judge directing press representatives not to disclose the indentity of Mr Y and Mr Z in reporting the proceedings in the trial on the second indictment. If, which was denied, the judge purported to give such a direction, he did not have power or jurisdiction to do so. Even if a valid direction to the press could be implied for what the judge said it would be wrong to hold that Mr Foot's failure to comply with the direction amounted to contempt in the particular case. If any of those submissions was accepted the case against Mr Foot had to fail because there was no other ground on which he could be adjudged guilty of contempt. In particular, such a charge could not be supported on the ground that his conduct was calculated to prejudice the due administration of justice or to hold up persons to public obloquy.

The problem was whether the court had power to conduct a trial in secret or part secret because that was the reality of the position. The general principle was that hearings by a court must be held in public: *Scott v Scott* ([1912] P 241, 274). That case showed that the court had no power to sit in camera unless the ends of justice would be defeated. If secrecy was to be achieved the court must take the bull by the horns and sit in camera. There was no half-way house. The Court of Appeal had refused to sit in camera where the case did not fal within the *Scott v Scott* principles: *In re Agricultural Industries Ltd* ([1952] 1 A1 ER 1188.

All proceedings in public could be reported, although there were statutory exceptions. Therefore a reporter could print the name of a witness while saying that in court he was referred to as Mr X. It was a matter of concern to the press whether the trial judge had power to bind it.

There was no contempt, counsel contended, on the ground that future witnesses in unspecified cases would be deterred. That view was reinforced by the absence of authority to the contrary.

The identity of a witness was a relevant part of the case. What was happening in relation to prohibiting publication in blackmail cases was that a practice was growing which did not form part of the common law. The concept of contempt based on deterrence of future witnesses was too uncertain to be left to the judgment of individuals.

Mr Waterhouse, concluding, said that the Crown having made the application, the burden was on the Crown to establish all the ingredients of contempt. The particular circumstances of the publication were not such as to be calculated to deter witnesses in future cases since Mr Foot was saying that the rule was wrong because it afforded the wrong people protection. The principle would be established by the present case and future witnesses would not be led to say that because Mr Foot did it and criticized the system they were likely to be publicized in the same way. Further, the history of Mr Y and Mr Z was such as was likely to attract attention and the ordinary person would not be so liable.

On the question of penalty counsel reserved his submissions.

Mr Stephen Sedley, for the company, said that he adopted the whole of the submissions made by Mr Waterhouse. The same principles were at stake with partial secrecy as with complete secrecy.

Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, replying in the Attorney's absence, said that he did not accept that the Attorney had to establish all the constituents of contempt so long as they were before the court. It was accepted that, so far as possible, a trial should be held in public, that it should be open and that the court should be vigilant to ensure that the principle was not departed from more than was necessary.

Exceptions existed to the wide general proposition, statutory exceptions. But the exceptions were not limited to those under statute. There remained an inherent power in the court either pro tanto or entirely to decide that part of proceedings should not be in public. The Lord Chief Justice would remember a recent security case in which part of the evidence was heard in camera. That was part of the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Although in his ruling Judge King-Hamilton had used the word "discretion", he said in his summing up "I want to say a word or two about referring to witnesses by letters instead of giving their names. It is not a practice, may I tell you, which the courts encourage. It is only to be used sparingly and in exceptional circumstances and one of them is blackmail because the victims would not readily come forward unless they were assured of anonymity; otherwise they would suffer the publicity with which they had been threatened in the first place. Hence Mr Y and Mr Z."

Mr Slynn added that, whereas in in camera trials the public could not see what was being done, they could do so in cases when only the witnesses were anonymous. Even in civil cases from time to time a judge permitted a witness to write down part of his evidence if it involved disclosing a formula or profits.

The order was not made to protect the feelings of the two men concerned. The basis of the decision was that the administration of the criminal law would be impeded if the order was not made. It would be curious if the only power in a judge was to order that the whole trial should be in camera and the public shut out from it.

The Lord Chief Justice said that the court expected to give judgment at 2 pm on Friday.

Wrong police evidence due to misunderstanding

Regina v Sergeant

The Court of Appeal called attention to the need for great care in giving a trial judge antecedent evidence regarding an accused person. Nothing gave a convicted man a greater sense of injustice than having false statements made about him in court.

Lord Justice Lawton was speaking after Mr Leonard Gerber, instructed by the Solicitor to the Metropolitan Police, had reported to the court pursuant to the court's request last week (*The Times*, October 11) for information regarding the contents of a police officer's antecedent report on the appellant.

His Lordship, sitting with Lord Justice Scarman and Mr Justice Dunn, said that last week the court's attention was drawn to the fact that Detective Inspector Ingram (he had since resigned without a stain on his character) had given evidence that the appellant had been dismissed for drunkenness from his position as a head greenkeeper at a golf club. When cross-examined by defence counsel whose instructions were that it was not true the officer stated that he had obtained the information from the club secretary.

The court drew the inference that before the inspector gave evidence some discussion had taken place between him and defence counsel or between prosecution and defence counsel regarding the circumstances in which the appellant had left his previous employment. The court also drew the inference that defence counsel had made it clear to the prosecution that the matter was disputed. If the prosecuting counsel took the view that it would help the judge to know whether the appellant had been dismissed for drunkenness, on finding the matter disputed he should have dealt with it by calling admissible evidence. It was clear that the inspector's evidence was hearsay.

On the appeal it was stated that the club secretary denied saying that the appellant had been dismissed for drunkenness. The court thought that unsatisfactory and had requested inquiries to be made. Most thorough inquiries had been made. The information had been given to the police inspector over the telephone and it was clear that there could have been a misunderstanding.

Before 1941 it was a common practice for police officers giving antecedent evidence to make general observations regarding an accused; for example, that he was known to consort with prostitutes and thieves.

In *R v Van Pelz* ((1942) 29 Cr App R 10) the Court of Appeal disapproved strongly of such evidence, and the *Van Pelz* principle was restated in *R v Robinson* ((1969) 53 Cr App R 314).

After 1941 it became the practice for prosecuting counsel to give defence counsel the chance to make representations regarding any disputed matter in the antecedents. The court was pleased to hear that that practice continued. Defence counsel must look at the antecedents and, if anything was disputed, he must tell the prosecuting counsel, who must omit it from the evidence or prove it.

Auction sale knock-out agreement enforceable

Harrop v Thompson

Before Mr Justice Templeman

A knock-out agreement was not against public policy as being in restraint of trade and consequently there was a triable issue as to whether such an agreement invalidated an auction contract.

His Lordship so held in granting an order for specific performance under Order 86 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of an agreement made on March 15, 1973, at a public auction between the defendants, Mr George Roper Thompson and Mr Malcolm Thompson, and the plaintiff, Mr Ronald Harrop, for the sale by the defendants to Mr Harrop of Dyke Nook Farm and High House Farm, Consett, co Durham, for £106,000.

Mr Jonathan Parker for Mr Harop; Mr Simon Goldblatt, QC, and Mr Dirik G. A. Jackson for Mr G. R. Thompson; Mr A. G. Boyle for Mr M. Thompson.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the vendor defendants resisted specific performance on the grounds that before the auction, the plaintiff purchaser entered into an agreement with another potential bidder whereby the potential bidder stayed away from the auction and the purchaser acquired the property cheaply. Summary judgment could only be obtained if there was a triable issue. The purchaser denied that there was such an agreement, but it had been argued on his behalf that even if there had been the vendors could not resist specific performance.

The cases of *Galton v Emuss* ((1844) 1 Colyer 243), *In re Carew's Estate* ((1858) 26 Beav. 187) and *Heffer v Martyn* ((1867) 36 L J E) appeared to be indistinguishable and to decide the present case in favour of the purchaser.

In *Rawlings v General Trading Company* ([1920] 3 K 30) it had been held that an agreement between the plaintiff and defendant for the defendant only to bid at a public auction and then to divide with the plaintiff the goods he had bought was unenforceable. That decision, however, was reversed on apeal ([1921] 1 KB 635). Lord Justice Bankes said that he did not think that the court should overrule authorities of the previous 70 years. Lord Justice Atkin agreed. Lord Justice Scrutton had dissented on the ground that the agreement was contrary to public policy as being in restraint of trade.

Mr Goldblatt had submitted that certain observations made in the Court of Appeal in the *Rawlings* case pointed in the direction the law should develop—that a knock-out agreement was an interference with the liberty of the potential bidder and ought not to be enforceable if the object was to buy the property cheaply.

However, most contracts interfered with liberty of action one way or another, and his Lordship was not convinced that public policy required that every auction should produce the highest possible price. He was satisfied that as the law now stood he was bound by authority to ignore the alleged agreement between the purchaser and the potential bidder. There was therefore no triable issue and the purchaser was entitled to specific performance.

Solicitors: Crossman, Block & Keith for Richmonds, Consett; Robinson & Co for Hewitt, Brown-Humes & Hare, Bishop Auckland; Snowball, Tucker & Bibby, Consett.

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Why a good harvest may not save thousands from starvation in West Bengal

West Bengal is in the grip of the worst famine since the terrible autumn of 1943 when up to two million people died. The present suffering is not remotely comparable in extent but is in some ways more disturbing because its causes can not be sought in the special circumstances of wartime conditions or natural disaster.

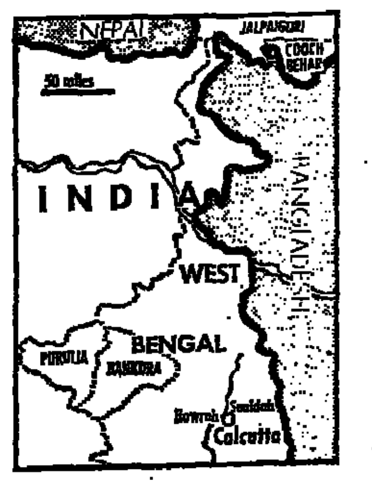
There is no question that people are dying of starvation. Mortality is highest in the northern areas of Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri where emaciated corpses can be found discarded by the roadside, in village markets or outside the government run "gruel kitchens". Special squads have been charged with the discreet disposal of the bodies.

Local officials estimate that perhaps a thousand people have died so far in Cooch Behar alone. There are also reports of famine deaths in the other very badly hit districts of Bankura and Purulia in the west. This is a highly sensitive topic in Calcutta where state government officials refuse to acknowledge the existence of starvation.

"In all these cases (of reported deaths) we have found that it is malnutrition not starvation", Mr B. R. Gupta, the state's Chief Secretary, blandly assured me in his office in the Writers' Building. "These people get progressively weaker over a long period then they succumb to disease".

For the victims there is unlikely to be much consolation in knowing that they are dying of malnutrition rather than starvation. In cold economic terms, the desperately weakened state, and reduced earning capacity, of the millions who will survive somehow until the next harvest at the end of November, is more serious than the deaths of a comparatively small number of people.

The "gruel kitchens"—run partly by the Government, partly by groups of local businessmen and charitable organizations like the Ram Krishna mission—are providing some relief, but they are catering only to a small fraction of those in need.



What is alarming about the present situation is that there is no obvious reason why it should be so bad. It is true that floods did considerable damage to crops in the northern districts of West Bengal earlier in the year and the traditionally drought-prone areas of Bankura and Purulia were worse hit than usual. But the main impact of these setbacks will be mainly felt on the coming autumn harvest, which despite everything is *expected to be a good one.*

West Bengal's troubles appear to arise from a complex *interaction of several different* factors: an overall shortage of food, caused by marginal or non-existent growth in production, and increasing population has been aggravated by social changes in the rural economy, particularly the great increase in the number of landless labourers. West Bengal, which supports a population of 47,000,000 has long been a food deficit state—to the tune of *about 2,000,000 tonnes in the* current year. This means that it is always very dependent on the surplus states to make good the gap. The effect of a good autumn crop this year in West Bengal could easily be nullified because of the severe drought in other parts of the country.

In the past few months the central government has been able to meet only a small part of Calcutta's requirements from the central grain pool because of the poor spring harvest *in most parts of India.* On its side the state government achieved less than a third of *the target set for the procure*ment of grain from the farmers' marketable surplus, on which the controlled-price public distribution system depends.

The "jotedars" or big farmers, who have been badly hit by the rising cost of fertilizers and pesticides, consider *the government's procurement* price to be absurdly low and prefer to sell their produce through a network of traders and middlemen on the black market, where they can earn two or three times as much.

Another effect of the tremendous inflation in the open market price of rice—up to 100 per cent *in little over a* year—is that the bigger farmers are reluctant to pay landless labourers in kind, a traditional standby on which the rural landless have depended to see them through the seasonal lean period for employment running from September to November. The cash wages which landless labourers, who perhaps number between 15 million and 20 million, increasingly receive in lieu of food are so low that they cannot afford to buy rice at current prices even when it is available. Thus the traditional community of interest *between the "jotedar" and the* landless labourer—albeit a kind of serfdom—is tending to break down.

The number of landless is increasing, both naturally and because many small or marginal farmers are being forced to join their ranks under pressure of debt.

Michael Hornsby

Boston discovers there is no bus route to better education

Americans should not have been surprised by the appearance of lynching mobs on the streets of Boston. The Brahmins may still live on Beacon Hill, but the city stopped striving to be a "Cittyvpon a Hill" soon after John Winthrop wrote his *Modell of Christian Charity.* The arrival *of the Irish beginning in the* hungry forties also completely changed the city's character, although not necessarily for the worse.

Nor did the city escape the national turmoil of the sixties. The Negro assertion of their racial and cultural separateness led to a new awareness of *ethnic origins* among the white working class in northern cities. Hyphenated Americans ceased *to regard their sentimental* attachments to the life styles of their central, eastern and southern European forebears as unAmerican. If black was beautiful so was the Irish green.

The Negro struggle for equal opportunity and social justice had other consequences for the ethnics and the working class. The liberal political leadership which had represented them since the New Deal turned to *champion the blacks, and, as* the ethnics saw it at their expense. Certainly there is respectable *evidence suggesting* that the lot of the American white working class has not improved in recent years.

They were further incensed when the liberal intellectuals turned against the Vietnam war, a war largely fought by white and black working class conscripts while sons of the intellectuals won deferment by taking post-graduate courses. To top all this, the white worker, *who believed that his living* standards were threatened by the blacks, was accused of racism, bigotry, *jingoism and* perverted populism. The intellectual magazines ran derogatory articles about the beer-bellies and the superpatriots, and hard-hat became a sneer word.

Against this background, it can be seen that the explanation for the violent opposition in Boston to the busing of white *and black children is* not only racial. Obviously racism exists, as it does everywhere, but there are also *elements of class* warfare and alienation. These factors could generate violence almost anywhere.

Massachusetts may have been the only state to vote for McGovern. Boston may have *claims* for moral and cultural superiority, but given this situation violent opposition to busing was *inevitable.* Large areas of the city, especially South Boston, are overwhelmingly Irish. Unlike the Poles in Chicago and the Hungarians in Gary, many of its inhabitants have retained their Irish identity even after five or *six* generations. Their neighbourhoods, shabby though they may be with their wooden three-decker tenements, are tightly-knit communities.

They would make a visiting London Cockney feel homesick. There are the bars where the *citizenry probably drink too* much beer and rye whiskey, but are very real social centres. *There are the churches, and of* course the schools. Young Paddy can, and does, go to the local grade school, meets young Molly at the junior high, and gets married at the parish church by a priest who has baptized and confirmed both of them.

Those who do well, and many do—witness the Kennedys—*move out to the suburbs, but the* majority who stay behind do not want to move. For all the occasional squalor, they still enjoy what urban man elsewhere has lost—a sense of belonging, of enjoying life together when times are good and helping each other when they are bad. No wonder they do not want their kids bused off to Roxbury or Columbia Point.

To some extent, this is *still not* fully understood in the United States, perhaps because the new ethnic awareness elsewhere lacks what *Commentary Magazine* recently described as the ideology and rhetoric of cultural pluralism. There is also the suspicion this new ethnic feeling is a cover for racism. That it may be in part. Mrs Louise Day Hicks, who made a political career out of opposing changes in Boston's school districts, enjoyed some racist support, but nobody questions the Irishness of South Boston. The *social engineers should be made* to recognize what they are trying to destroy even if their motives are admirable.

Another thought, which may not have struck the social engineers or liberals. The assumption that in a school attended by children from a variety of social-economic and racial groups the unprivileged child learns from the others has been proved wrong in many American *cities.*

No doubt the results would be better if the groups lived reasonably close to each other, but not when they are condemned to be bussed across town to strange neighbourhoods. It rarely breaks down the social and racial barriers because the children see each other only in school. Come the last bell, the outsiders mount their yellow buses and disappear.

The black children deserve a better education, as indeed do the poor whites, but they do not find it at the end of a bus route. Another way will have to be found, and until it is the *Irish of Boston must be ex*pected to defend what they hold dear for good and bad reasons.

Louis Heren

The Colditz syndrome that lies behind the troubles at Long Kesh

Whatever else the burning of the Maze prison at Long Kesh and the rioting at Armagh this week may have represented to the Government, it could scarcely have come as a shock. More than a month ago, for *example, Sinn Fein sympath*izers in Dublin told British journalists attending the organ*ization's* annual conference that the IRA was going to burn Britain's most publicized jail. Only three weeks ago, the Provisionals themselves issued a statement from their Belfast brigade, saying that they intended to burn Long Kesh to the ground as well as Magilligan prison.

It can have come as no surprise to the authorities either that the violence on Tuesday night followed a series of demands from both Protestant and Roman Catholic prisoners, *convicted and held without trial,* to which the Northern Ireland Office largely conceded. The prisoners demanded more edible food, better sports facilities, better washing facilities, a new parole scheme and—perhaps most important of all—they wanted their various para*military groups* to have official representatives who would meet Mr Robert Truesdale, the prison *governor.*

Republicans and loyalists, clearly working in collusion, *started throwing their prison* breakfasts over the steel walls of their compounds nearly two months ago and at precisely the same time the UDA and the official IRA organized road blocks all over Belfast in sympathy with the inmates. A list of demands was issued by the prisoners and published in the local papers and, when the UDA was at last threatening to block roads all over Northern Ireland, *Mr Merlin Rees, the Secretary* of State, gave way. The food at the prison, officials privately confided, was not up to standard because it was taking too long to reach the 1,500 or so *prisoners after leaving the* kitchens, so more trolleys were to be provided.

Extra bed linen was sent into the camp and Mr Truesdale, although it was not explicitly *stated* like this at first, agreed to meet the prisoners' representatives. He actually sat down and talked to men appointed by the UDA, the Ulster Volunteer Force and both wings of the IRA in a style which must have allowed the prisoners to think that they had PoW status. There was for them little difference *between such a meeting and that* which a German officer might have accorded his opposite numbers in a Second World War prison camp.

In truth, of course, there are *many complaints about Long* Kesh which it is hard to dismiss. It was built as a temporary jail and it sits in a cold, windswept plain beneath the Belfast mountains. Arc lights bathe the *compounds in eternal daylight* and the prisoners inside cannot see through the steel walls around them. Those officials at Stormont who dislike any comparison with a German prison camp usually admit that on at least first sight Long Kesh *looks* like one of the *Stalags.*

Even this, however, does not get at the root of the violence. Obviously the burning was preplanned and for the hundreds *of demonstrators in Belfast the* old sore of internment without trial must have been a spur to action. Mr Rees has on at least one occasion formally announced the gradual phasing out of internment, yet even the Irish Government—whose emergency legislation is stiff enough—were amazed at how few men were set free. The answer lies in those weekly parades held by the prisoners themselves, among *the UDA men who stand to* attention in uniform and are able able to march with their banners around their camp compound on July 12. It lies among the Provisionals, who have set up their own camp council, who control their own huts with self-appointed officers, who indeed refer to themselves as the IRA's fourth battalion in Balfast

The Provisionals have an officer corps, complete with rank structures, inside Long Kesh and so does the UVF on the Protestant side. On Wednesday *morning, for instance,* Mr Augustus "Gusty" Spence, the UVF commander, formally handed over his compound to the Army in first class condition, like one officer to another.

The internal "discipline" at the Kesh is already notorious. Men have had their legs broken for real or imagined crimes or for informing. Nearly a year ago a young Protestant was literally beaten to death in a *loyalist compound during a* Christmas drinking session. His fellow prisoners apparently thought he, *too,* had *been* informing and the case was largely forgotten; yet since that time—and although the murderer or murderers must have been in Long Kesh—the police have not charged one man with the killing.

Mr Rees, in the Cabinet in London yesterday, must have *been pondering* the power of the Long Kesh prisoners and of those at Armagh and Magilligan. Concessions are rarely given to men who hold no cards. Security *is* strict at Long Kesh—prison visitors even have safety matches taken from them—but if the inmates are virtually allowed to run the camp, *it is scarcely surprising* that they can burn it at a time of their own choosing.

Robert Fisk

In the aftermath of Long Kesh, children play around a burning road block in Belfast

An illustration from *Canada's Indians,* by James Wilson, published by the Minority Rights Group.

Redskins' last stand, backed by the law

In these guilty enlightened days, it is widely known that the aboriginal Americans had a raw deal. Shot up by the cowboys, *displaced by settlers in the* name of progress and profits, the redskins were relegated to human zoos called reserves which did not even give them the protection from disease and despair that animal zoos aimed at. They were systematically treated as Darwinian misfits. When they ignored offers to join the caravan of western civilization driving on to the stars, and *took to gin instead, they* were consigned to the industrial scrapheap.

Their terminal function seemed to be to provide anthropologists with well paid professorships. Their own view of this seventh plague of civilization is summed up in the Indian comment that Columbus must have brought anthropologists on his ships when he came to the New World—how else could he have made so many wrong deductions about where *he* was? But though the anthropologists may have got things wrong, they were *none the less a cog in that* complex mechanism in western man known as conscience.

They put flesh on the notion that not only had the Indians been economically plundered and mentally persecuted, but that their culture, their way of looking at life, was not just different from that of the white man, but that this difference contained uniquely valuable insights from which the white man had much to learn and gain. Western medicine began to turn the Indian survival rate upwards (as happened to primitive peoples elsewhere) and white "sociology" suddenly *informed the Indians that their* culture had after all a statement to make in an age when the *white man's* statement had reached the atom bomb, the spreading of pollution of earth, sea and air, and his inability to run an international monetary system.

The Canadian Indians have been particularly well placed to recharge their psychic batteries in this ebb of white self-confidence. The way they have done so and the success of their counter-attack is fascinatingly *explained by James Wilson in* a report just published by the Minority Rights Group.

In the 1960s the Indians began to form their own associations, notably the Native Council for Canada for the tribes in treaty reserves, and the National Indian Brotherhood for Indians who had become detribalized and lived *in* the cities. *These* and other Indian groups demand the reform of the complex, Vic*torian, patronising and insanely* bureaucratic system under which "Indian affairs" were run—so insanely that three-quarters of the Indian budget is absorbed by the white organization men and one quarter goes into the medicine and welfare the Indians get.

In 1969, the Trudeau Government decided on root and branch reform. Mr Chretien, the minister, put forward a plan for *redressing the "historic griev*ances" including the abrogation of the unequal treaties whereby the Indians lost the ecological space in which they had lived purposeful lives before white civilization came. "It's inconceivable," *said Mr Trudeau,* "that one section of society should have a treaty with an*other section.*" *To his aston*ishment, the Indians thought otherwise. They were not giving up the last of their land for a white promissory note stamped "the Just Society".

Mr Chretien had the grace to climb down, and it was agreed that the Indians must put up their own proposals for co-existence with their Canadian fellow citizens. Indian claims that they had been despoiled of more land than they should have been were investigated. In particular the Indians put forward *the claim that George III's* proclamation of 1763 stands and applies still to all Canada, as it has never been repealed and antedates all the treaties.

That proclamation, which the Indians unearthed triumphantly, stated and confirmed the official British policy of recognizing an aboriginal title to land which could be extinguished only by treaty with the Crown. Since this procedure was *followed* only in the Prairies, Indians are claiming that more than half of Canada *really belongs to them,* and demand that the settlement recognizes their claim. It was *partially upheld by the* Quebec Supreme Court, which ruled that the construction of the James Bay hydro-electric scheme on which some £80m had been spent, must be halted pending a settlement that does extinguish (for a consideration) aboriginal rights. Those rights are apparently put at about $1,500m for the whole non treaty area involved, to be invested in development of the reserves.

By firmly hanging on to their treaty rights, in fact, the *Indians* have emerged as a separate people in Canada, with rights to be entrenched in Mr *Trudeau's bi-lingual, bi-cultural* society—it must become tri-cultural.

Primitive society has gone down before "civilization" for 5,000 years, but never so fast as in the past 200. Yet primitive ability to survive, to live with nature as a wife instead of raping her, is one of the great inheritances of the human race. The primitives represent a reserve of wealth *and wisdom for modern man.* It was arrogance to try to eradicate the primitives, and it may yet prove *important to* the preservation of the human race to respect, protect and cherish them

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The Times Diary

Mr F and the naming of names

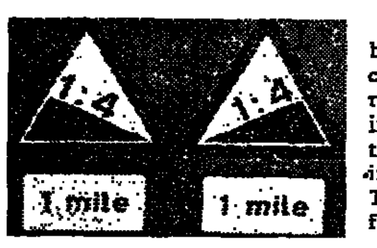
I lead a moderately blameless life and have not been a court reporter, so I had never, before this week, set foot inside the Law Courts in the Strand. I resolved to repair this omission, and thought the Paul Foot case, springing as it does from the absorbing Janie Jones trial, would be as good an introduction as any

The Law Courts are not easy for novices. When I asked for the Paul Foot case at the inquiry desk the man, anxious to help though he was, was at first stumped, since Foot's name does not appear on the billing. The case is listed as *Regina v Socialist Worker Printers & Publishers Ltd and Another.* Foot is Another, though given the nature of the case he might better be described as Mr F.

In case you have not been reading the law reports. Foot is accused of contempt of court, in that in *Socialist Worker*—a small, shrill periodical—he revealed the real names of Mr Y and Mr Z, two witnesses in Miss Jones's trial

The Lord Chief Justice's Court at the Law Courts is, one veteran told me, the most sumptuous there. Sumptuous is not the word I would have chosen. It reminded me of a square chimney, far too high for its floor area, and thus with poor acoustics. There is much Gothic panelling, and the walls are lined with impressively bound law books as well as a prominent copy of *Who's Who 1970,* no doubt for mugging up the names of Messrs Y and Z *should anyone forget.*

On the press bench, the legal reporters were solicitous of my inexperience and warned me to be sure to get the *dramatis persona* right. The BBC, they chortled, had spoken *yesterday of Lord Chief Jus*tice Milmo. I joined in the joke, but then had slyly to *refer to my newspaper to un*derstand it. Lord Widgery, I discovered, is the Lord Chief Justice. *Mr Justice Milmo* is one of the other two on the panel.



Today's baffling pair of road signs were photographed in North Yorkshire by D. G. Bowtell, of Burton-on-the-Wolds.

Yesterday *was the second day* of the proceedings and Sam Silkin, the attorney general, was *concluding his opening* presentation. Silkin is fresh from victory in a different sort *of contest on the Dulwich* hustings with the redoubtable Eric Morley of Mecca.

So he is the *man* in form, but he began yesterday with a *conciliatory statement.* He had read reports that he was seeking to have Foot jailed, but that was untrue. He was seeking simply to prove his case. The penalty would be a matter for the court.

Foot, who looks fiercer and more gaunt every time I see him, was a minute or two late, but he arrived in time to hear this consoling statement, *though he showed* no visible sign of relief. Foot does not get a chance to speak at this *sort of hearing, but Silkin* read extracts from the controversial article

Silkin has a *flat, deliberate* style of delivery and he did not show any visible emotion when reading out the piece in Foot's article about the "hacks on the press bench" who had complied with the judge's ruling by not revealing the secret names. People in the audience glanced in our direction and the more sensitive among us blushed. Even hacks have feelings.

Foot did not show much emotion though he did seem pleased when Lord Widgery *summed up his (Foot's) view* of the conduct of the press in the word pusillanimous. Toward the end of the morning Foot seemed to be getting rather impatient. Though to a minor extent the case has a bearing on press freedom, the calm, deliberate atmosphere of the court seemed designed to drain his gesture of much of its crusading element.

After 35 minutes of Silkin, Ronald Waterhouse presented the case for Foot. His method was also undramatic, very far from the courtroom drama as portrayed in films.

The main thrust of his argument was that trial judges had no right to prevent the publication of the names of witnesses in public trials. If they thought secrecy was desirable they should go the whole way and *hold* the trial in camera.

Apart from that, the morning was occupied mainly by readings from past cases. The court servants were impressively quick to produce the relevant volumes for the judges, though they were caught out for a while by *The Times* law reports for 1927. Nobody needed to refer to *Who's Who* and nobody mentioned the real names of Messrs Y and Z.

Slippery slope

Skiers congregated on the slopes of Alexandra Park on Wednesday night to launch the book *We Learned to Ski.* Under electric light the artificial ski slope even looks a little like *snow.* In daytime it looks like scrubby plastic stubble.

Harold Evans, editor of The Sunday Times and co-author of the book, is now a proficient skier though he started only at the age of 40, six years ago. He played to the gallery *enthu*siastically and said it was just like being in the Alps. To prove it he pulled on a knitted ski cap and performed a few parellel christies, schusses, and stem turns in the rain.

The book, says Evans, has the advantage of not having been written by experts. "*Usually* instructors are so good at it that they have forgotten how they ever learned."

He says the *book* has plenty of controversial bits—about short skis and something called wedging, which may have to do with the fact that Evans claims to be bow-legged. Collins, who publish it, say it is underpriced at £3.50, but then some of their directors are doubtful whether anyone can afford a skiing holiday this year.

Pitchforks

Guests consumed *canapes* among the cockpits of obsolete aircraft at the Imperial War Museum reception marking the opening of their Home Guard exhibition. Speeches were unpompous and Lord Avon, who as Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, set up the Local Defence Volunteers in 1940, was in fine topical form, calling for a similar effort to meet the economic challenge of today, *starting* by trimming our speeds and our use of power.

Admiral Sir Deric Holland-Martin, chairman of the museum's trustees, told the best story—of himself and fellow officers carefully crossing a beach *Indian* file for fear of mines and arousing the suspicions of the local Home Guard who thought they were spies. "Those pitchforks", he said, "terrified me more than the prospect of being blown up".

"Can't Sir Keith persuade Ted that unemployment, while painful, is wonderful in the long run"?
HEATH: LATEST
Marc

In the issue of the Evening Standard *which carried the report that Pan American Airways might cut its operations from Heathrow, was an advertisement reading: "Pan American requires secretary at Heathrow". They should get a temp.*

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THE PRESIDENT GOES TO CONGRESS

or an American president to ibmit himself to questioning by congressional committee is a sky but impressive venture. It uld easily go wrong. Until atergate Americans had be- me used to their presidents ing hedged round by the ystery of high office. They peared to like it that way, and feel that the symbolism which rrounds a head of state re- lires him to be something more an an ordinary mortal. Mr xon would have been brought wn much more quickly if there d not been so much respect the principle of executive ivilege, which he misused for own protection. It is even ssible that he would not have en brought down at all if the nes had not torn away the veil m the mysterious Oval Office d revealed it not as a place of ty deliberations on affairs of te but as a tawdry back room ere hunted men plotted to ert the law.

President Ford has not tried restore the mystery. Instead has humbled himself before authority of Congress to plain and account for his ions. This marks a crucial ment in the history of the erican presidency. It could a precedent that other presi- nts will be forced to follow. balance among the three nches of government could tipped significantly in favour Congress. Future presidents ld be forced not merely to d down their requests to pitol Hill and to appear once ear to speak on the state of nation, but to answer in person for their policies, to explain their mistakes, and to plead for legislation. The system could move closer to parliamentary practice in Western Europe.

But this is by no means inevitable. The circumstances in which President Ford appeared before a subcommittee of the House of Representatives were highly unusual. They are unlikely to be repeated in the near future, if ever. Moreover, President Ford could not restore the authority of the presidency by merely reviving the traditional practices of that office. Once the presidency has been stripped naked before the nation the next incumbent must rebuild its authority from the ground up. The respect and credibility which was bestowed almost automatically on modern presidents must now be earned in the open.

President Ford was therefore right to take the risk of putting the dignity of his office at stake before Congress. He was also right because it is necessary for him to rebuild his relations with Congress, and to establish the principle that presidents should use executive privilege only for true reasons of state. He also had to show that he is not afraid to answer for what he has done. This is particularly necessary because his decision to pardon Mr Nixon has very sharply reduced the support he enjoyed when he first took over the presidency. It has contributed to blurring the distinction between his presidency and Mr Nixon's. It has been interpreted by many people not as an act of mercy but as a continuation of the cover-up of crimes and the manipulation of the law for which Mr Nixon was condemned.

Hence some very important questions remained open, and only President Ford could supply the answers. He has done his best and his sincerity is not in doubt. He clearly believes that he was doing his best for the nation in trying to "shift our attentions from the pursuit of a fallen president to the pursuit of the urgent needs of a rising nation". In personal terms he also believes he was morally justified in pardoning a man whom he judged to have been punished enough and removed from where he could do further harm. He says that there was no agreement on a pardon before Mr Nixon stepped down, and there is at the moment no evidence to the contrary.

Yet none of this wholly answers the main argument against the pardon, which is that it should have been delayed either until Mr Nixon confessed or until legal process had exposed all the available facts. President Ford says that he had no specific knowledge of criminal charges to be brougnt against Mr Nixon, but *he must have been aware of the* very strong possibility of such charges. Even if he had already decided to pardon Mr Nixon it might have been better to wait until it was quite clear precisely what offences were being pardoned. It is too late for this now, but it is not too late to bring more facts to light. If President Ford can contribute to this he will help to dispel doubts about the pardon and to dissociate himself from the Nixon Administration. If he handles it properly he need not diminish the authority of the president.

HE PROSPECT OF RISING UNEMPLOYMENT

the Chancellor prepares for third Budget of the year, two nents must be uppermost in thinking. The first is the idity problem over the next nteen months for much of ish industry and commerce. second is the likely trend of mployment. They are closely rwoven themes.

he Chancellor declared again ressively last night at the kers' Dinner that he has no ntion of using a deliberately ited increase in unemploy- it as a weapon in his counter- ationary policy. The reason he considers it important to ss this point is clear enough. main immediate threat to the nomy in general and sterling articular is a wage explosion. only hope of avoiding such explosion lies in the en- ragement of restraint in wage ms by the major trade ons. The chances of such re- int would disappear at once, e Chancellor were to contem- e publicly a large rise in un- ployment as part of his Budget tegy.

he Chancellor must be duly eful to Mr Jack Jones of the nsport and General Workers the public support he gave erday to the need for volun- wage restraint. Yet both Mr es and the Chancellor know extreme difficulty of squar- the present economic circle. unemployment will continue trend upwards. There are gs that the *Chancellor* can on November 12, Budget that would substantially lerate the increase in unemployment. There is little that he can do that will reverse the trend, even in the short term, unless he throws entirely to the winds any desire to get inflation under control. In the long term there is nothing that can be done to strengthen the trend of employment until the trend of inflation improves. For in the past twenty years, business cycle by business cycle, the trade off between unemployment at a high rate and price inflation at a high rate has progressively become wider and wider.

In the immediate future, two developments could push the unemployment figure over the politically sensitive 1,000,000 mark. The first would be a sudden deterioration in business confidence of a sort which drove employers to resort to the shedding of labour on the scale of 1966 or 1971. Since the election there is every sign that the business community expects a Budget that will go some way towards restoring its confidence, allowing it to reinstate some of its investment plans. But confidence is in a weak state and could easily be upset.

Secondly, a wage explosion could force employers to lay off labour in order to avoid bankruptcy. The fact that Mr Jones, in common with all responsible trade union leaders, recognizes this possibility underlay his constructive remarks at Motherwell yesterday.

The pinch for the Chancellor is that the measures he could effectively take to ease the liquidity problems of industry over the next year risk severe damage to the social contract, on which so much of the hope for wage restraint rests. For the only quick and sure way to restore the cash flow of the private sector is to ease the controls on prices. Yet an acceleration in the rate of increase in retail prices would by itself be damaging to the social contract.

The Chancellor could also ease the tax burden on industry, recognizing the fact that in real terms it is operating at little or any true profit, since inflation is undermining real assets and creating mere paper profits, on which real taxes are then paid. But, again, unless he is to throw his monetary policy to the winds, the Chancellor can only ease the tax burden on the corporate sector by transferring it elsewhere. And, again, this would present severe threats to the social contract.

It is an unenviable balancing act that Mr Healey will have to perform, but no one can pretend that conquering inflation is a short-term or easy task. Whatever solutions he finds next month, however, must be based on a monetary policy which is sufficiently tight to lean against the processes of inflation. It is not a policy which will lead of itself to unemployment of three or four million, a policy which he dismissed last night. But it is a policy which will involve the risk of unemployment trending *towards the million mark over* the next eighteen months, unless and until real growth can take the place of price inflation.

IE GLC AND LONDON'S HOUSING CRISIS

don's current efforts to renew add to its housing stock are only inadequate to shorten council house waiting lists: are likely to lead to even er waiting lists and far more es passing the stage where it onomic to rehabilitate them. net increase in the number dwellings has fallen from ly 30,000 a year in 1970 to 17,000 last year. This year don has shared in the strophic decline in building ity which has occurred all the country. Waiting lists, h now contain some *200,000* es, are only an incomplete cation of the real need, for ay take years for a family to get onto a list, and the ary homeless may never do ast month, an official report nated that there was an *ediate need for 130,000 homes* ondon, and that the need was tripping past expectations.

the circumstances it takes optimism for the Greater don Council to produce a lusive plan "to tackle ent and foreseeable deficien- in London's housing within next 10 to 15 years", cially when it declares that can be achieved if councils up a rate of new building rather lower than the average of the past five years, with land for development becoming available no faster than at the present rate, and at a cost in the next ten years somewhat smaller than that of carrying on in the present fashion. The envisaged new *council housing will take account* of the preference of tenants for more elbow-room, and will usually provide private open space or a shared garden.

These miracles will be accomplished, the report claims, by two changes of policy. In the *first place, there will be a major* shift of resources from new building to rehabilitation and conversion, especially in inner London. This would end the present problem of old buildings deteriorating faster than new ones can be built, and would *make* more intensive use of existing stock by dividing larger houses into units of the size most in demand. Whether the building industry is in any state to meet the demands that the plan makes of it remains to be seen.

The second change of policy *is one that the GLC has been* proposing almost all its life. Although it is the strategic housing authority and builds and allocates homes on a large scale, it is the boroughs that have the main effective responsibility for public housing in London. Inner London has most of the problems, but outer London has most of the land, and the outer boroughs have not on the whole made as much effort as they *should have done to build,* or to allow other councils to do so.

The inner boroughs can often only build if they demolish, which means that the displaced families go on to the housing list in front of people who never had a house at all. The families who *have been waiting longest in one* borough may be suffering considerably less hardship than those in other boroughs who are still far from the top of the list. The GLC once again proposes a system of coordinated allocation, and warns the outer boroughs *that if they do not cooperate it* will ask the Government to make such an arrangement mandatory. To judge by the remarks of Mr Reg Freeson in April, the Government would be sympathetic. The outer boroughs would be wise to cooperate in working out a *voluntary scheme which* need involve no complete abandonment of their own discretion and would certainly be of benefit to London as a whole.

ools and hooliganism

Mr H. F. Macdonald

It is strange that Mr Max ris (October 12) should assume "certain educationists and do- ers who had forced their way- ideas and ideals into the ols" must be teachers. There lenty of educational "experts" are not teachers, and it may be that Supt Buckley had some ese in mind.

As for the Yorkshire Police spokesman who says that "some children seem to get bored by being kept at school and become involved in crime", this is exactly what many of us said would happen if the school leaving age was raised to 16. The only pupils worth having after the age of 15 are willing ones. In recent years there have been increasing numbers who chose to remain at school, and it was absurd folly to interfere with their progress and enthusiasm by compelling unwilling adolescents to join them in order to keep them off the labour market. These will continue to cause trouble until some government follows the wise advice of the Yorkshire Police spokesman and allows them to leave school and seek employment.

Yours &c,
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Edinburgh.
October 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Labour's policy for industry

From Mr Norman Atkinson, Labour MP for Haringey, Tottenham, and others

Sir, The CBI has claimed that there is a general profits crisis in the private sector of British industry, and is pressing the government to inject up to £3,000 millions of public money into private enterprise through allowing further price increases, plus unconditional and *centrally subsidized loans distributed* through the commercial banks.

Such a massive public subsidy of the private sector would be critically damaging to Britain's economic prospects.

First, it is not clear that such a salvage operation is needed across the board in the private sector. Many firms in particular industries and regions are faced with a cash flow problem. But for most of the 100 enterprises which now dominate more than half British manufacturing, cash is not a critical problem. These are multinational enterprises whose market power and foreign operations both make them internationally creditworthy, and allow them to fix prices in their own world operations in such a way as to largely ensure cash when and where they need it.

Second, British and international evidence shows that unconditional subsidy of the big league private sector does not harness their massive resources in the public interest. It largely subsidizes them for what they have anyway decided to do.

Two major reports from the Commons Expenditure Committee—*Public Money in the Private Sector* (1972) and *Regional Development Incentives* (1974)—show this very clearly for Britain. Abroad, there is extensive evidence that countries such as Belgium, France and Italy have moved away from reliance on State banks to new use of State Holding Companies such as the National Enterprise Board plus their version of Labour's Planning Agreements as a means of getting value for money through public shareholdings and more direct planning in the big business sector.

Third, such a massive unconditional public subsidy to the private sector would pre-empt using substantial resources to implement the selective and publicly accountable measures in Labour's new industrial policies as put to the electorate in two *manifestos this year and* elaborated in the August White Paper *The Regeneration of British Industry*. In 1973 terms, £3,000 millions represents nearly a quarter of gross domestic fixed capital formation; a third of gross trading profits in the private sector, and one and a half times the gross trading *surplus of the public corporations.* In one calendar year it would mean public subsidy of private enterprise at a rate of £8 millions a day.

Fourth, while the precise scale of the cash flow crisis is unclear, it is evident that private firms receiving public money must do so on the terms on which the Labour government went to the country last month. The crisis may demand urgent action, but Labour's manifesto anticipated this by specifying that "A new and urgent Industry Act will provide for a system of planning agreements between government and key companies to ensure that the plans of these companies are in harmony with national needs and objectives and that government financial assistance is deployed where it will be most effectively used". It also specified that "wherever we give direct aid to a company out of public funds we shall reserve the right to take a proportionate share of the ownership of the company".

Both genuine accountability and an extension of new public ownership on such lines are crucial *political conditions for our economic* success through the rest of this decade.

Unless these policies are carried out, including provision to union representatives of "all the necessary information relevant to the contents of planning agreements" (*The Regeneration of British Industry*, para 20), the injection of up to £3,000 millions of the consumer's and taxpayer's money into industry could represent a formula for massive wage explosion. Without accountability to both government and the unions where private enterprise gets money, unionists through the country will assume that the social contract is imbalanced, favouring employers and shareholders rather than workers.

In effect, unless the social contract remains a contract for a socialist industrial programme, it will be widely seen as a contract with capitalism and rejected. Labour's new chance in industrial policy will be stifled at birth more quickly and with more damage than the suffocation of *The National Plan* by the deflation measures of July 1966. This would leave a Labour government and the country with renewed confrontation and continued crisis from which neither would benefit.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN ATKINSON,
SYDNEY BIDWELL,
RUSSELL KERR,
IAN MIKARDO,
STAN NEWENS,
JO RICHARDSON,
JIM SEDGEMORE,
House of Commons.
October 17.

Plans for Ulster

From Mr and Mrs Tony Firth

Sir, There are harsher realities to be recognized in Ulster than are dreamt of in Mr Stratton Mills' honourable philosophy. His suggestion (October 16), that contingency government during an extended period of direct rule be carried out by a Commission, is vulnerable to the very objections he raises against HMG's proposed Convention. Both seek merely to postpone the inevitable.

There are three obstinate factors to be taken into account:

1. The majority, in a succession of the least gerrymandered ballots in the Province's history, have conclusively rejected the concept of sharing power. (As Mr Wilson rejected it for Westminster during the recent election campaign.)

2. As Mr Mills himself concedes, five years of violence and five years of political innovation have succeeded only in entrenching still more deeply that situation which obtained before the period began. Which is to say: Protestants vote Protestant and Catholics vote Catholic.

3. The British public neither wish to see their young men murdered; nor their loyalties, both in title and in substance, usurped and distorted; nor 800 million pounds of their money lavished on a community sadly helpless in the grip of a bitter and brutal atavism.

Mr Mills' formula of more of the same can only produce an intensification of what we already have. The logic may be as unwelcome as the conclusion; but it is very clear.

Yours faithfully,
TONY FIRTH,
GAY FIRTH,
59 Frognal,
Hampstead, NW3.
October 16.

From Dr J. Phelan

Sir, In the course of your leading article (October 15) speculating on the identity of the next leader of the Conservative Party there is an incidental reference to another contemporary problem with the comment ". . . and the Irish are about the most difficult people in the world to handle".

Not so. I suggest this should be rephrased to read as follows: the Irish question due to mismanagement by a long succession of British Governments is one of the most difficult in the world today.

As an Irishman who has earned his living for many years in this island (and appreciative of the opportunity to do so), I look back to remember how much I admired the virtues of its inhabitants and *now contemplating the present scene* am forced to the somewhat ironical conclusion that the English are rapidly becoming the most difficult people in the world to handle.

Yours faithfully,
J. PHELAN,
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Kingsfield Avenue,
Ipswich,
Suffolk.

Financing the arts

From Mr John May

Sir, Mr Lewenstein and his colleagues *rightly draw attention to the* problems faced by the Arts Council in allocating its insufficient funds, but seem unwilling to advocate any positive action. They characterize as a "dangerous possibility" the likelihood that the National Theatre will attract scarce resources and manpower and in a spirit of defeatism write that we must probably "face the prospect of cuts in the real value of grants".

We learned in the darkest days of the last war that when material struggles are at their toughest, then is the greatest need to nurture the spirit. Conquering the country's economic problems cannot be an end in itself and it would be ironic if that conquest in the next two or three years were to be accompanied by a destruction, even if only partial, of those theatres, orchestras, opera and ballet companies, etc, which provide an important part of the civilized life for which economic stability is the foundation.

Great efforts are being made to bring all local authority support for the arts up to the level long provided by the best authorities, but the minimum acceptable from central government is that the real value of the Arts Council's grant-in-aid be maintained. That means a supplementary grant of £4m to £5m this year, and a total for 1975/76 adequately maintaining next year the real value of this year's thus increased grant. All the Arts Council's clients have a common interest (and duty) to advocate that requirement firmly and in unity.

Yours truly,
JOHN MAY, Secretary,
Association of British Orchestras,
32 Arlington Way, EC1.
October 15.

Rationing of sugar

From Mrs Rosalind Byrne

Sir, I also would like to support my fellow working housewives, Dr Margot Norton (October 2) and Mrs Margaret Dukes (October 12), in their plea for sugar rationing, but for rather different reasons—not because I wish to give my family any more bur because I suspect that someone somewhere is still having a lot too much.

Sugar rots our teeth and gums up our blood vessels and offers precious little in return. I was sorry to see Dr Norton describing sugar as "essential", when she must know that it is the one item of food which is not essential, since our bodies can make as much of it as we need from other foods. I realize that she was speaking as a housewife and as a housewife I agree that sugar has its uses. But I am afraid that her remark could be interpreted as medical support for the myth that "sugar is good for you". This would be unhelpful, to say the least, to those of us whose job is Health Education.

I believe our taste in food is improving. The monotonous "sugar with everything" is dying out, we have a much greater variety of fruits and vegetables than ever before and we can appreciate their more subtle and interesting flavours. If we cut down our sugar consumption we will find our food more enjoyable rather than less and we will also be a lot healthier.

Yours sincerely,
ROSALIND BYRNE,
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Surbiton,
Surrey,
October 12.

Leadership of the Conservatives

From Mr Edward du Cann, Conservative MP for Taunton

Sir, Conservative Members of Parliament will deplore the attempt to make a sensation out of routine meetings of the officers and executive of the 1922 Committee.

The facts are these. Before the election it was arranged to hold meetings immediately afterwards for normal and routine purposes. The *notice convening them was sent out* to members of the executive as long ago as September 13.

The purpose of the meetings was primarily to make the necessary arrangements for the election of party committees in the new Parliament (of which there are now well over 20); to arrange a date for the first meeting of the full 1922 Committee; to consider the election and its aftermath.

These matters were discussed at two private meetings on Monday and Tuesday. As Parliament is not currently sitting I made available to the Committee the facilities first of my home and then my office.

Also in accordance with routine, a report of these meetings has been given to the Chief Whip, the Chairman of the Conservative Party, and the Leader of the Conservative Party; the programme for the first meeting of the full 1922 Committee and elections for officers of all the Party Committees has now been published to Conservative MPs.

There is simply nothing more to say. The use of evocative words like "Mafia", "Cabal", and "knives" is wholly inappropriate, as their authors must very well know.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD du CANN,
House of Commons.

From Lord Chelwood

Sir, One would expect the Monday Club, which fortunately counts for very little in the parliamentary party, to get the knives out. But as one who was proud (as Tufton Beamish) to be a Vice-Chairman of the 1922 Committee from 1958 until the February election, I deeply regret that the recent meeting of its executive, which has no official standing until reelected, should have increased speculation about the future leadership of the party.

In spite of the very great debt we owe to Mr Heath (I believe we would have won fewer seats this time under any other leader), it is natural and inevitable that the subject should be discussed. If and when a change must be made it will be considered in the proper forum. Indecent haste, however, is neither fair to Mr Heath nor becoming to the party. Nor is it sensible, when so much depends on a mature decision. I am sure that most of my former colleagues in the Commons agree with me.

The sensational reporting in some sectors of the press of the views of a tiny but noisy minority is much aided and abetted by our old friend "Anon" who is working overtime.

Yours sincerely,
CHELWOOD,
House of Lords.

From Mr Tom Boardman

Sir, As a former Member of Parliament, defeated this month and until then a member of the 1922 Executive, I am acutely aware, both from the doorstep and from my old colleagues, of the criticisms of Mr Heath's leadership of the Conservative Party. Yet I would urge restraint on those who seek an immediate change.

In six months' time the scene may look very different; then the warnings and the policies that Mr Heath put before the electorate may be vindicated by events. The February and October defeats of this year could be his strength next time if, as I believe, he is then seen to have been right and to have been putting the real issues honestly before the nation.

If, after six months, a change is still desired, will anything have been lost? Members, particularly new ones, will have had the chance of assessing the merits of rival contenders. The party will have been able to review its policies before deciding who will be the best person to ensure that they are implemented. The new leader, if a change were then made, would have ample time, on present expectations, to establish himself before the next election.

If Mr Heath were to announce now that it is his intention next spring to resign and to offer himself for reelection, the dangers of a hasty and possibly wrong choice could be avoided. Such "jockeying" for position as may occur in the meantime *would be far less damaging than* would be the election now of the wrong leader for the right policies.

Yours faithfully,
TOM BOARDMAN,
The Manor House,
Welford, Northampton.

From Mr David Price, Conservative MP for Eastleigh

Sir, You are undoubtedly correct in your judgment that it is no longer possible for Mr Heath to remain as leader of the Conservative Party. The reasons are obvious.

Bitterest among the reasons is the fact that Mr Heath will be paying the price for having adopted the role of Cassandra. Mr Heath's whole approach to the general election campaign was based upon the imminent dangers threatening our nation and upon the consequential need for national unity for which we should all be prepared to make sacrifices. Mr Wilson ridiculed the first proposition and scorned the second.

Yet within a week Mr Wilson has proved Mr Heath to be right. The Prime Minister's talk last night, October 14, was the voice of Harold Wilson, but the message was the message of Edward Heath.

Mr Heath has served the nation and the Conservative Party well—in that order. He must be enabled to serve again in high office when the Conservative Party returns to power. Therefore he must be allowed to step down from the leadership with dignity and honour, as he deserves. He must not be hounded out by the baying of lesser men.

Sufficient time must be allowed for the process of choosing his successor to mature. This must include ample opportunity for Conservative Members of Parliament, who are in this instance the electoral college, to discuss and consult with their own party workers.

The mood of frustration following two electoral defeats in one year is not the best atmosphere in which to choose a leader who will be expected to take the Conservative Party into the next general election which could in theory be as late as autumn 1979 and thence to be Prime Minister well into the 1980s.

Furthermore, we will have to consider the possibility that, before this new Parliament is very old, the fantasy of the social contract will have been exploded and the Emperor will be seen to be wearing no clothes. In the stark reality of that situation Mr Wilson may well turn to the Opposition for help. Such a situation will be very taxing for the recently elected Leader of the Opposition.

Truly, what we in the Conservative Party need now is "a man for all seasons".

I am, Sir, Yours truly,
DAVID PRICE,
House of Commons.

From Sir Kenneth Corley

Sir, During the past few years many people have said (in my view rightly) that Sir Alec Douglas-Home was one of the great Prime Ministers of recent years, and his departure was a mistake. He was ditched by the party because he lacked television appeal.

If the party now decide to drop the second best Prime Minister for the same reason we shall very soon find that the leadership goes to a PR man. I hope that the party will keep its head and its nerve. This "public image" problem is an important one but it is not the first *priority, and must be solved in a* different way. First things must be kept first.

Yours faithfully,
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Solihull, Warwickshire.

From Mr Jeremy Savage

Sir, I notice the alacrity with which the press, radio and television have proceeded to select a new leader for the Conservative Party. It seems to me that in the national interest, this decision should not be taken in haste.

Firstly, Mr Heath may well be proved correct in his analysis of the present situation, and secondly should he decide that he does wish to give up the leadership of the Conservative Party, the views of the Conservatives in the constituencies should be taken by Members of Parliament before they come to their final decision. Members can then make their own judgments based on full knowledge.

We need a leader of high intellectual stature, but who also has the qualities of humanity. My own view is that when we need to change, we need look no further than Sir Keith Joseph, whose record in the development of social services in this country is second to none, and who has always commanded great respect in all sections of the Conservative Party over many years.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY P. SAVAGE,
Bryn Garth,
9 Pemberton Road,
Harleston, Norfolk,

From Lord Gage

Sir, Surely it is too early to make any change in the leadership of the Conservative Party. The country has preferred Mr Wilson's soft options to the austerity they associated with Mr Heath. As one Tory voter put it, "I am voting Labour because I want a warm winter".

If after, say, a year Mr Wilson proves right, then Mr Heath should go. But if Mr Wilson proves wrong, if Labour policy proves as disastrous as Mr Heath prophesied, then it is to be hoped Mr Heath will stay.

From Cassandra to Sir Winston Churchill, prophets of gloom have never been popular. But they may be right.

Your obedient servant,
GAGE,
Firle Place, Lewes, Sussex.

From Mr R. Stagg

Sir, It is good to see that, in today's *(October 15) Letters to the Editor*, you have given pride of place to the views of Sir Robert Cary, who makes a strong plea for a delay of at least a year on the issue of the future leadership of the Conservative Party.

I'm afraid that I do not share your view that "it is not possible for Mr Heath to remain as leader of the Conservative Party". Still less do I agree that he does not "enjoy sufficient public support among the general public to be an effective leader at a future election".

He is honest, single-minded, courageous, and a bold clear thinker, for whom, like your good self, I must admit to "an admira*tion for his integrity and strength* of character".

If the Conservative Party has in its ranks a better leader, there is certainly no evidence of it at the present time, and I feel sure that Sir Robert Cary has hit the nail "bang on".

Let us be patient. Let us "wait and see".

Yours faithfully,
R. STAGG,
Briarmains, 16 Church Avenue,
Ruislip, Middlesex.

The Katyn memorial

From Sir Edward Playfair

Sir, If there is to be a physical memorial, one understands that it should be on hallowed ground. But need it be on this ground, hallowed by the Church of England? Is it beyond the wit of the Catholic Church, to which most of the Poles belong, to hallow any other site which may be chosen, such as the one opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum? If not, one wonders what the relevance of "hallowing" is: the fact that a number of English people were once buried at St Luke's according to the rites of the Church of England hardly seems to the point.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. W. PLAYFAIR,
12 The Vale, SW3.

Why going back to the land is the only hope for the Third World

Thirteen months ago in a speech at the United Nations General Assembly, the American Secretary of State, Dr Henry Kissinger, called for a World Food Conference. It will begin under United Nations auspices on November 5 in Rome. Even 13 months ago when Dr Kissinger made his speech, the world food situation looked grim. Now, following the harvest reports that have been coming in during the past two months, the situation we were often so confidently told could never happen is now likely to: worldwide famine that will kill millions of people and seriously reduce the precarious standard of living of hundreds of millions of others.

Quite rightly, the World Food Conference will be concentrating on how to avert immediate catastrophe, but it is just as important that delegates look beyond the present to the long term problems. For the crisis in food production is but one indication that something is going seriously wrong in the Third World. Once we begin to dismantle the engine of economic development, we find at least four other major faults.

These are the fast upward climb in migration, unemployment, and slum creation, together with an increasing maldistribution of income.

In the 50 years between 1920 and 1973 the number of persons engaged in agriculture in the developing world rose from approximately 240,000,000 to 450,000,000. In the same space of time the acreage of agricultural land increased by only a quarter.

It is not surprising then, given the low level of technical expertise in the countryside and the increasing awareness of the towns, that hundreds of thousands of people have flocked from their villages to the cities.

Even when there is opportunity in the countryside, young men often find the town more appealing. There they can earn more in a job than at home. As a result the urban population of the Third World rose at an annual rate of 4 per cent between 1920 and 1960—twice the rate in the developed countries during their time of development. In Europe in the 1850s, when 15 per cent of the population lived in towns, urbanization increased 1.2 per cent. In the developing countries at around the same stage of development—the 1950s—the rate was 2.6 per cent.

A frighteningly high proportion of these immigrants end up in the towns without a job, and often without a roof. The number of unemployed in townships with a population of 20,000 or more has grown dramatically. In 1950 it was 8,000,000, in 1960 13,000,000, in 1970 24,000,000. Unemployment in the urban areas of Africa averages 27 per cent; in the Philippines 13 per cent; in Bogotá, Colombia 11 per cent.

Underemployment is even worse. In a developed economy an expanding tertiary sector is a sign of progress—services are the harvest of economic achievement. Quite the reverse in Latin America, Asia and Africa—services are parasites drawing odd coins from wealthier pockets that pass by. Shoe shine boys, sellers of ticky tacky, messengers, cigarette vendors, tourist touts, porters, etc—all eke out a living contributing only marginally to economic development. The proportion of the non-agricultural labour force engaged in services in Latin American countries is between 60 and 70 per cent; in Europe it is between 40 and 50 per cent.

What is most disturbing about these Third World unemployment figures is that they illustrate the plight of the young. Men at an age when they are at the most ambitious, most yearning, even most idealistic period of their lives are subject to the humiliation of having failed. Nothing is more likely to sow the seeds of strife and discontent.

But the danger of Third World unemployment is that it is a disease that conventional economic growth probably cannot cure. It is too pathological, too far gone, for the urban-industrial treatment to have any effect.

In an attempt to show just how impossible the situation is, a recent Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has calculated that on average in the developing countries the manufacturing sector employs 20 per cent of the labour force and the unemployment rate and underemployment rate together average 25 per cent. The increase in labour productivity is assumed to be 2.5 per cent a year, the rate achieved between 1955 and 1968.

In order to absorb an increase in the labour force growing at 3 per cent a year (it is in fact growing at 4 per cent), industrial production would have to increase at the phenomenal rate of 18 per cent a year (even record-breaking Brazil has only achieved 15 per cent). To eradicate within a decade the existing rural and urban unemployment and underemployment it would have to increase by 30-35 per cent a year. The report not surprisingly concludes "Thus eradication of general underemployment through the development of industrial employment is a practical impossibility in the medium term". And in an ominous footnote we are told "in some African countries manufacturing employment seems to have been falling".

And so the favelas, callampas, barriades and bidonvilles will continue to proliferate. Already in Calcutta the number of people living in one room is 79 per cent of the population. Large numbers live on the pavement. In Caracas 30 per cent of the population live in shanty towns; in Lima 20 per cent; in Buenos Aires 10 per cent.

Sanitation and sewerage systems cannot cope. Djakarta has a population of nearly 5,000,000, but it has no sewerage, no safe running water and few transport services. In Brazil less than half of the municipalities have reliable water supplies. Only a third have sewerage systems. In 1971 only 38 per cent of Latin American towns had sewerage services. Even that was up from 28 per cent in 1961.

But not only is it difficult to give this new proletariat a job and a roof, it is becoming increasingly difficult, even in the high growth economies, to stop their incomes declining—at least relatively, and in some cases absolutely.

Mexico has been regarded as one of the development successes—its GNP has risen by 6 or 7 per cent annually for the past 15 years. Government policy has had a hefty bias towards the urban sector and large farms. Yet unemployment has been on the up and income disparities have worsened.

Brazil, with its population of close on 100,000,000, now has a larger national economy than any other western hemisphere country, bar the United States and Canada. No other developing country comes near to imitating its successful growth rate—it is now running at over 10 per cent a year. The down town areas of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro give a visual impression of being wealthier and more developed than any European city and indeed more than any North American city, save perhaps New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Yet for all its glitter and glory the average per capita income of this massive giant is a mere $600, making it one of the poorer Latin American countries, and the evidence appears to suggest that during this time of high growth, income distribution has dramatically worsened.

The richest 10 per cent of the population appropriated almost three-quarters of the gain in income between 1960 and 1970; the poorest 50 per cent took less than a tenth. Those with university education experienced a rise in income of 52 per cent, while the half of the population with some primary education had an income increase of only 14 per cent. The Minister of Finance has admitted that in the early years of this surge of growth "it is probable that between 1964 and 1967 the (wage) formula provoked a certain compression of real wages". And the World Bank has found that "the share of the net income received by the poorest 40 per cent declined from 10 per cent in 1960 to 8 per cent in 1970".

All the evidence suggests that the escape route from poverty that leads through the city and the industrial sector is fraught with many more difficulties than was thought likely when newly independent countries started on this path a decade or two ago. It is deeply ironic that both the major schools of economic thought—capitalist and socialist—preached similar false solutions. Many socialists argued that real independence was impossible without a strong industrial base and the west often argued that a developing industrial sector was the most effective way of attracting outside capital.

The Third World countries are now landed with the results of this mistaken advice—chronic food shortages, a demoralized countryside, a fast expanding urban slum population, and a growing inequality of income.

Some developing countries have only one or two of these problems; some have them all. But the world over, there is a growing awareness that all is not well and that the time has come to look for an alternative development strategy.

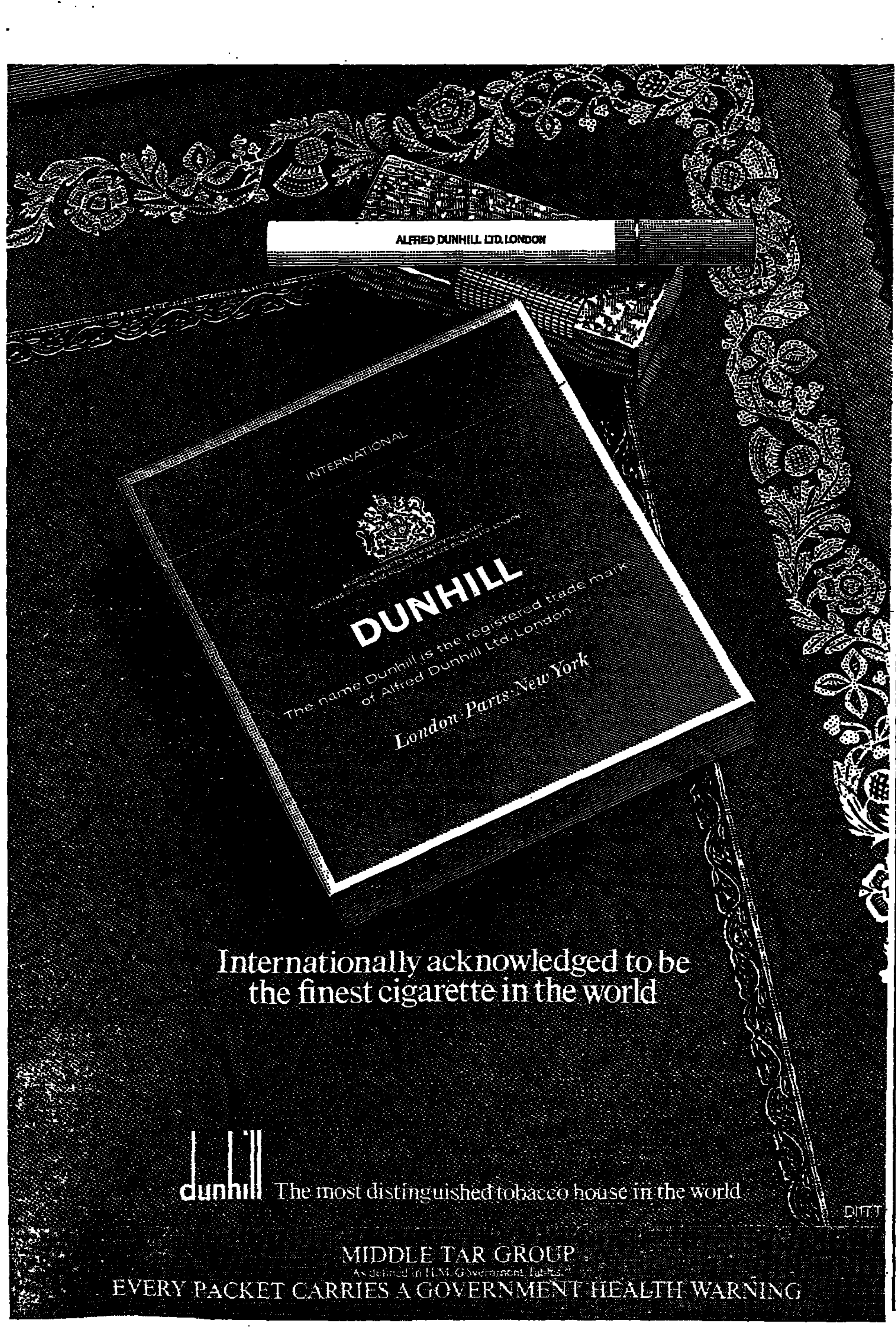
Increasingly it is being said at the highest levels of the development establishment—in the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Bank and the universities, that the Chinese have shown the way. They have given priority to people in the countryside, they have discouraged migration and rapid urbanization, and by and large they have kept everyone adequately fed. And they have done this at a time when population pressures are much more severe than they were in Japan, the other great success story, at the time when it was developing.

Yet most of those I spoke to were careful to point out that it would be difficult to transpose a Chinese political system into another culture. "Can one imagine the Italians adopting the British political system", said one expert, "much less the Indians adopting the Chinese?"

It should also be remembered that our information on China is incomplete. We do not know what price in terms of human suffering and loss of individual freedom has been paid by the Chinese people for their economic and social success.

But with these reservations, the situation is clear—a way must be found of turning the priorities of the developing countries in the direction of the countryside. For that is where the root of all these problems is to be found. Maybe the model is China or Taiwan or Tanzania—all three have successful rural development records. But first must come the will.

Jonathan Power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Fact and fashionable fiction

Eighteen months ago a group of people all under 30, with very different skills and backgrounds—border guard in Israel, anaesthetic technician, and stage manager—rented a house off London's Portobello Road. All had worked for an underground paper and wanted to produce an English equivalent to the *Last Whole Earth Catalog*, the American underground mail order catalogue of ideas and tools for people wanting to get away from high technology and the city life.

The result, after many months of false starts, trials, discussions and disagreements is the *Index of Possibilities: Energy and Power*, the first volume of what they plan to be at least a three-part encyclopedia. It is a large, fat paperback (although there are some hardback copies), something of a cross between *Roget's Thesaurus*, the *Scientific American* and an underground magazine. It is full of extraordinary art work in black and white, cartoons, photographs, old prints and diagrams.

It has been produced entirely by nine coauthors and a couple of their friends, who between them researched, wrote, designed and typeset the book. The Catalogue, as the group calls itself, have now also designed and printed their own posters and leaflets for the advertising campaign.

The index started out as a list of reviews of books and publications on all aspects of energy and power. As they worked, at a huge round chipboard table that fills most of the main room, the writers found that they wanted to include more of their own ideas and research, and less reviews of other people's work. So the nature and title of the book changed, until it became a series of short, readable essays and entries on topics that interested them. "We wanted to demystify science", explains John May, ex-editor of *Friendz*. "Because we were not exactly producing an encyclopedia we didn't have to be certain to include everything."

The book is divided into eight sections—Universe, Earth, Mind and so on—and since the writers decided against using contributors because so much had to be discussed as it was being written, they rely heavily on quotations and extracts from other people, newspapers, magazine articles, textbooks, standard history books. "We make a few bold assertions of our own", says John May, "in the way textbooks can't. But we also felt that we might be badly attacked by experts so we have held back on our opinions and tended to back it all up with already published and accepted material." He says that writing the book was an education for all the collaborators, none of whom are science specialists. "We wanted to broaden our horizons from the sort of thing that can be covered in a magazine. Some of us knew nothing about the subject at all, but we thought that if we can learn about it and understand then we can explain it to others."

The authors believe that there are many people interested in this kind of information, who cannot find what they want in conventional science books; they give a lot of space to fringe science topics, and hope the book will be used by students as an alternative to the usual textbooks.

Although they may be taking themselves rather too seriously, since the content of the book is fashionable and superficial mixture of fact, fiction and odd ideas (for instance they strongly infer that the Vietnam War was principally about oil supplies). What can be said in its favour is that it may arouse an interest in people who would not otherwise tackle the topics at all.

The team has now moved on to a second volume, giving a similar sort of cross disciplinary treatment to structures and systems—everything from architects and animal building to social and mental structures. They say they have held back from approaching people they would like to interview for the first book because they felt they had nothing to show for their ideas. If it goes down well they will do more talking and rely more on their own judgments in future.

Booksellers in Britain and Australia have already ordered the index, and a version specially edited for America is in preparation. The *Last Whole Earth Catalog* was extremely successful in America, so it is possible that the last couple of years of austerity and all night working sessions in the house off Portobello Road may pay off.

Caroline Moorehead

Your right to a receipt

Shopping recently in a large store I was spellbound by the dexterity of the girl on the till. In consequence I was unable to work out what relation the figures she was ringing up bore to the items I was purchasing. I paid her £4.04, but was so confused that I decided before leaving to add them up myself and, naturally, got a completely different total. If only they had given me a receipt, I thought, I would have had no difficulty in checking and went along to have a moan with the supervisor. She quickly demonstrated that I had omitted to include one item and the total in fact was £3.04. But there was still a discrepancy of exactly £1, I protested.

"We can soon check that", said the supervisor brightly. "Come over to the till and we can look at the till roll." As luck would have it, the machine had gone wrong, and items had not been registering on the till roll. In fact I heard nothing more from the store which was not surprising as the supervisor told me that she was going on holiday.

Was the store within its rights in not issuing a receipt? In one old case it was declared that anyone paying a debt was not entitled to insist on having a receipt. The right to demand a receipt was given by the Stamp Act, 1891. This made a creditor who refused to give a stamped receipt for any sum over £2 subject to a fine. However, in 1971 the stamp duty of 2d on receipts was abolished and, with its abolition it seems, went our right to demand a receipt.

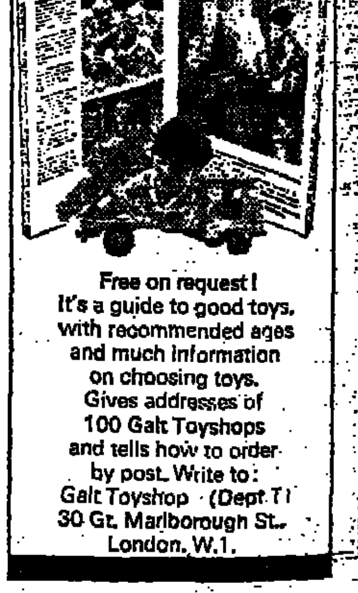
In practice very few traders would risk losing a purchase by refusal to give a receipt when one is demanded and most automatic tills print out an itemized bill as a matter of routine. But should not every customer today be entitled as a matter of law to have a receipt for his money?

Admittedly, when we pay by cheque, a receipt is not essential. The signature of the payee on the back is evidence that he has received the amount. Since the Cheques Act, 1957, even without his signature on the back, a paid cheque returned by your bank can be produced in court as evidence that he received the money.

While a receipt is evidence of payment, it is not absolutely conclusive. For example, where a receipt has been given in error, or where a computerized accounting system has gone haywire and credited sums to the wrong account, a judge would accept an explanation from someone in charge that a mistake had been made and that the account was still outstanding. Similarly, where a receipt has been lost, a court can accept that payment has been made if the person paying is prepared to declare this on oath, or some other witness who knows the facts can confirm it.

How long should receipts or cheques be kept? Most judges take a dim view of creditors who forget about debts for two or three years and then suddenly wake up and issue a summons. In practice, few of us keep receipts for any great length of time, but in theory we should keep them for six years. After that they are dead, and cannot be sued on. If the debtor has made part payment, the six-year period starts from the last payment. Similarly, an old debt can be revived by a letter promising to pay, because the six-year period will then run from the date of the letter acknowledging it.

Ronald Irving



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ctober 17: His Excellency Mr tavros Georgiou Roussos was ceived in audience by The ueen this morning and presented e Letters of Recall of his pre- cessor and his own Letters of edence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from e Hellenic Republic to the Court St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied the following members of the nbassy who had the honour of ing presented to Her Majesty: onsieur N. Diamantopoulos (Miner), Captain C. Paizis-Paradelis ellenic Navy) (Armed Forces taché), Monsieur A. Exarchos ounsellor), Monsieur G. Christonis (Counsellor), Captain A. adas (Shipping Attaché), Monr A. Zaphiropoulos (Commer Counsellor), Monsieur A. tzias (Press Counsellor) and nsieur A. Philon (First Secrey).

adame Roussos had the honour being received by The Queen.

ir Thomas Brimelow (Permait Under-Secretary of State for eign and Commonwealth airs), who had the honour of ng received by Her Majesty, present and the Gentlemen of Household in Waiting were in endance.

r D. I. Dunnett (Her Majesty's bassador Extraordinary and ipotentiary at Dakar) had the our of being received by The en.

er Majesty this afternoon ed the Commonwealth Insti-

ving been received by the or of Kensington and Chelsea ncillor D. H. Piper), the rman of the Board of Govs, Commonwealth Institute David Hunt), the Director J. K. Thompson) and the Commissioner for Fiji (His llency Josua R. Rabukawaqa), Queen visited the Fiji Cenal Exhibition and witnessed performance by the Dance tre of Fiji.

e Majesty later toured the ibitions arranged by Commonth Countries.

e Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Moore, Squadron Leader Beer and Major Robin were in attendance.

e Princess Anne, Mrs Mark lips this evening attended a Evening Performance of the Chipperfield Circus on Clap Common, London, in aid of Muscular Dystrophy Group of Britain.

r Royal Highness was re d upon arrival by the Mayor Lambeth (Councillor Laurie) and in the foyer by the ident of the Muscular ophy Group of Great Britain Richard Attenborough).

s Rowena Brassey was in lance.

INGTON PALACE

er 17: The Princess aret, Countess of Snowdon, undertook engagements in and Wear and in the mornened the Gateshead Western ss.

Royal Highness later visited Tyne Valley Trading Estate resented the English Indus Estates Corporation's vement Award to the Arm Cork Company. The PrinMargaret subsequently toured factory and inspected the ration's headquarters.

Royal Highness, who led in an aircraft of The 's Flight, was attended by ady Anne Tennant and The Napier and Ettrick.

INGTON PALACE

er 17: Princess Alice ss of Gloucester was present vening at a Reception and l, held at Lancaster House, nmemorate the 125th anniy of the death of Chopin.

Jean Maxwell-Scott was in ance.

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MES'S PALACE

r 17: The Duke of Kent, sident, this evening dined amon Room at Wellington .

tenant-Commander Richard r, RN, was in attendance.

Duchess of Kent, as Chanthis evening attended a lect the University of Leeds of the centenary celebraf the founding of the Yorkollege of Science, and was ently entertained to dinthe Civic Hall by the Lord of Leeds.

Royal Highness, who d in an aircraft of The s Flight, was attended by ne Pugh.

morial service for Sir A. L. Duncan, of Jordanwill be held in the Old Church, Arbroath, on Fritober 25, 1974, at 3 pm.

days today

red Broughton, MP, 72; nuel Salmon, 74; Lord l. 90; Mr Pierre Trudeau, me Janet Vaughan, 75; eneral J. C. Walkey, 71.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. P. G. A. Brandram and Miss J. D. Steele

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Major Richard and Lady Katherine Brandram, HRH Princess Katherine of Greece, of Croft Cottage, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Jennifer, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Robert Steele, of St Leonards Grange, Beaulieu, Hampshire.

Mr J. B. Duncan and Miss B. Psaltis

The engagement is announced of Mr James B. Duncan, of London, and Miss Betty Psaltis, of San Francisco. The marriage will take place in San Francisco on December 14.

Mr H. B. Eder and Miss D. Levin

The engagement is announced between Bernard Eder, BA, elder son of Mr and Mrs Hans Eder, of 33 St Stephens Close, Avenue Road, London NW8, and Diana, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Arthur Levin, of 3 The Manor, Davies Street, London, W1.

Mr J. N. Oppenheim and Miss T. Shields

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs M. Oppenheim, of Whitehouse, Edinburgh, Scotland, and Tania, daughter of Mr Thomas Shields of Barcelona, Spain, and Mrs O. D. Johnson, of Paris, France.

Mr D. J. I. Robertson and Miss J. C. Hensen

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs V. Robertson and the late Mr D. G. Robertson, of Ringfold, Sedlescombe, Sussex, and Carol, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. G. Henson, of Barrack Farm, Battle, Sussex.

Mr R. F. K. Sutton and Miss F. A. Curry

The engagement is announced between Ralph Frederick Kent Sutton, elder son of Mr and Mrs F. V. K. Sutton, of Wings, Cranleigh, Surrey, and Fleur Anne Curry, elder daughter of Mr T. P. E. Curry, QC, and Mrs Curry, of Old Rickhurst, Dunsfold, Surrey.

Mr R. D. Botterill and Miss G. M. Webb

The engagement is announced between Richard David, son of Mr and Mrs Botterill, of The Corbies, Old Avenue, St George's Hill, and Gillian (Willie), daughter of Mr and Mrs David Webb, of Shandon, Cavendish Road, St George's Hill, Weybridge.

Mr N. S. Duncan and Miss K. N. Dale

The engagement is announced between Neil Stuart, younger son of Mr and Mrs Norman Duncan, of Gosforth, Newcastle, and Kathleen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George Dale, of Blackheath, London.

Mr P. P. S. Gee and Miss S. K. Beeley

The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Gee, of The Old Rectory, Ridlington, Rutland, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Beeley, of Neston, Wirral, Cheshire.

Mr J. R. A. Hanratty and Miss A. P. Hoare

The engagement is announced between James Robert Anthony, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J. P. Hanratty, of Rykneld House, Clay Cross, Derbyshire, and Pamela, daughter of Major and Mrs R. R. G. Hoare, of Briarwood, Sandy Lane, Cobham, Surrey.

Captain C. O. Holme and Miss F. Barlow

The engagement is announced between Captain Charles Oliver Holme, only son of Major and Mrs J. R. Holme, of West Compton House, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, and Frances Barlow, of Penlee, Milton Lane, Wells, Somerset, only daughter of Mr John Barlow, of West Weald, Cranbrook, Kent, and the late Mrs Ann Barlow.

Mr R. J. Stirling-Aird and Miss M. Jensen

The engagement is announced between Richard John, younger son of Mr P. D. M. Stirling-Aird and the late Mrs Stirling-Aird of Kippendavie, of Kippenross, Dunblane, Perthshire, and Merete, younger daughter of Mr J. C. Pihl Jensen, Zealand, Denmark, and Mrs A. N. Jensen, 48 Station Road, Edinburgh 12.

Marriage

Dr P. F. Leadlay and Miss C. M. Peake

The marriage took place on October 12 at Aylesford Priory, near Maidstone, between Dr Peter Francis Leadlay, younger son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs Kenneth Leadlay, of Coulsdon, Surrey, and Christina Maria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Peake, of Landhaus Parsch, Salzburg, Austria.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a cream satin classical dress and carried a bouquet of freesias, roses and stephanotis. Mgr L. Purney officiated. The bridesmaids were Rebecca Aird and Sophie Muir. Mr Nicholas Stringer was best man. A reception was held at Boughton Monchelsea Place.

Today's engagements

The Queen tours Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead by river, arrives Hurley, 10.15.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, visits RAF Henlow, Bedfordshire, 12.05.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, visits Finchale Training College, Durham, 11.

Exhibition: The Real Dad's Army, weapons, equipment, documents and cartoons relating to the Home Guard, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.30.

Latest wills

Mr Gordon Perrins, of Bury St Edmunds, chief pharmacist at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, left £37,113 net (no duty shown). After legacies totalling £5,000 he left the residue equally between the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council and Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mrs Hubertine Jeanne Dieudonne Towlson, of Andover, left £112,765 net (duty paid £37,193). After small legacies she left the residue on trust for two relatives for life and then equally among Dr Barnardo's, St Dunstan's, the RNIB, and Cancer Research Campaign.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Cayless, Mr Harold, of Goodmayes, Essex (duty paid, £16,716) £116,057

Tuck, Mr Desmond Adolph, of Burnham, Buckinghamshire, fine art publisher (duty paid, £5,998) £52,297

New judges honoured

Lord Justice Browne is to become a Privy Councillor on his appointment as a Lord Justice of Appeal, it was announced from 10 Downing Street yesterday.

Mrs Justice Heilbron is to become a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Mr Justice Oliver is to receive a knighthood on their appointments as judges of the High Court of Justice.

Receptions

HM Government

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attended a reception and recital at Lancaster House yesterday, held on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the death of Chopin. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr James Callaghan and Mrs Callaghan were hosts. Professor Jan Kaczmarek, Polish Minister of Science, Higher Education and Technology, and Mrs Kaczmarek were among those present.

HM Government

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a reception held at the Banqueting House last night in honour of delegates to the fifth Extraordinary Assembly of the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization (IMCO).

Dinners

Mrs Anchorena

The Ambassador of the Argentine Republic and Mrs Anchorena gave a dinner and dance yesterday evening at their residence in honour of the Commander, officers and cadets of the Argentine Training Frigate ARA Libertad. Among the guests were:

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Spanish Ambassador, Latin American ambassadors, the Mayor and Mayoress of Southampton, and members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

East India Sports and Public Schools Club

Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, was guest of honour at the house dinner of the East India Sports and Public Schools Club held last evening. The club chairman, Mr C. H. Gadney, presided.

Faculty of Architects and Surveyors

The Faculty of Architects and Surveyors gave a dinner last night at the Hotel Russell to M Henri Clément, president, and members of the Société des Architectes Diplômés par le Gouvernement and their ladies, who are here on a four-day visit.

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor last night entertained at dinner at the Mansion House, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, bankers and merchants of the City of London, members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some members of the Court of Common Council. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chairman of the Stock Exchange, the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chairman of Lloyd's. Among others present were:

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the Earl of Airlie, the Earl of Inchcape, Viscount Caldecote, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, Viscount Watkinson, Viscount Harcourt, Viscount Amory, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Nelson of Stafford, Lord Robens of Woldingham, Lord O'Brien of Lothbury, Lord Aldington, Lord Stokes, Lord Clydesmuir, Lord Duncan-Sandys, Lord Seebohm, Lord Erroll of Hale, Lord Lloyd, Mr Edward du Cann, MP, Mr Anthony Barber, the Hon Angus Ogilvy, the Hon William Weir, the Hon John Baring, the Hon David Montagu, the Hon John Sainsbury, Sir Hugh Fraser, Sir Antony Part, Sir Douglas Henley, Sir Maurice Laing, Sir Eric Roll, Sir Alastair Pilkington, Sir Eric Faulkner, Sir Archibald Forbes, Sir John Prideaux, Sir Patrick Reilly, Sir Peter Thornton, Major Sir Rennie Maudslay, Sir William Ryland, Sir Cyril Kleinwort, Sir Frank Price, Sir Isaac Wolfson, Sir Gerald Thorley, Sir Alexander Ross, Sir Arnold Hall, Sir John Spencer Wills, Professor Sir Ronald Edwards, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, Sir Jules Thorn, Sir Jan Lewando, Sir John Davis, Sir James Barker, Sir Neville Butterworth, Sir Jack Callard, Sir Philip de Zulueta, Sir Donald Barron, Sir Eric Drake, Sir Charles Clore, Sir Julian Hodge, Sir Seymour Egerton, Sir Roy Matthews, Dr Walter Carlein, the Oberburgermeister of Baden Baden, Mr Joel Barnett, MP, Mr A. F. Tuke, Mr M. T. Turnbull, Mr Lindsay Alexander, Mr Edmund de Rothschild and Mr W. O. Campbell Adamson.

Pattenmakers' Company

The Master of the Pattenmakers' Company, Mr R. MacDonald-Hall, presided at a dinner for members of the livery and their ladies at Vintners' Hall last night.

The Queen's new equerry, Major Robin Broke, aged 28, of the Royal Horse Artillery, outside Buckingham Palace yesterday. He succeeds Squadron Leader Peter Beer, aged 33, who is returning to RAF duties.

Carrara marble sale at £6,825 comes as a surprise at Christie's

By Our Sale Room Correspondent

A massive Carrara marble sculpture of the Neo-Classical era, which that had required a crane and six men to reach Christie's hallway, was sold, to their surprise, for £6,825 (Heim Gallery) yesterday. There were two English nineteenth-century sculptures called James Wyatt and Christie's catalogue had attributed it to the wrong one.

A sale room notice dwarfed by yards of marble announced that it was the work of Richard James Wyatt (1795-1850); a pupil of both Canova and Thorwaldsen, he was one of the most popular English sculptors of the 1830s. This sculpture depicting Ino and Bacchus was carved for a Miss Webb, according to Gunnes's dictionary. Christie's called it "Semele and the Infant Bacchus". The general change around of attribution may account for the fact that the price was far beyond the auctioneers' estimate.

Indications of Middle East taste, always being of interest, two purchases from this area can be mentioned. An ornate polychrome tortoiseshell bureau-plat of Louis XV style, dating from the second quarter of the nineteenth century and mounted with elaborate ormolu masks and scrolls, made £3,999 (Sayed). A white marble group of a young girl by Giovanni Maria Benzoni (1809-73) went to the same buyer for £1,102.50. The sale totalled £70,851.

The fourth session of the Mostyn library sale at Christie's made £23,139. The top price was £3,900 (Traylen) for a first edition of Isaac Newton's *Principia Mathematica* of 1687.

At Sotheby's a sale of Continental drawings and watercolours (1800-1910) attracted relatively little interest and finished with plenty of lots unsold. There were two drawings at £650, the top price of the sale, a Dutch canal scene by Johann Hendrik Prins and Heinrich van Oort and a view of "Pau from the Pyrenees" by Harpignies. The knockdown total was £9,373.

A Sotheby sale of silver and plate totalled £36,821, with a set of four George III table candlesticks (128oz 1815) at £1,250 (Galasko). A book sale at Hodgson's Rooms made £19,406, with a Kelmscott Chaucer at £3,000 (Foyle's).

Two sales of American paintings and drawings at Parke Bernet in New York on Wednesday totalled $426482 (£185,500). A Frederic Remington Wild West painting "Turn him loose, Bill", dating from the 1890s, made the record price of $74,786 (£2,500), selling to the Kennedy Gallery. A second Remington oil, "A dangerous country", made $57,282 (£29,000) and Thomas Moran's "The cliffs, Green River Valley, Wyoming", of 1902, made $26,709 (£11,600).

Consumer safeguard worries Sotheby's

By Peter Strafford and Geraldine Norman

Consumer legislation in New York is threatening to undermine the business of Sotheby's New York subsidiary, Parke Bernet, which accounts for almost half Sotheby's world turnover.

In a highly charged letter to their clients, Sotheby's suggests that, if the new regulations become law, sellers will switch their business to other art market centres such as London, Paris or Los Angeles.

An open hearing is to be held today at which dissenters may make their views known to the New York City Consumer Affairs Department. Sotheby's circular is aimed at persuading their clients to come forward on this occasion to argue Parke Bernet's case.

The regulations cover many aspects of auction ethics and would apply to all types of auctioneer licensed by the Consumer Affairs Department, a total of some 340 people selling art, rugs, cars, etc. Comments or objections have been invited before November 4.

The item which has got Sotheby's worried is that applying to the use of undisclosed reserve prices at auction, in other words the minimum price agreed with a seller below which an item will not be sold.

Under the new regulations, if a reserve price is set, the fact must be mentioned in print and a telephone number must be given at which it will be possible to find out what the price is.

The level of the reserve essentially reflects how keen the seller is to get rid of his goods; it is arguable that, if it is known that the reserve is very low, dealers have the opportunity of getting together and obtaining the item at a knock-down price. Parke Bernet is arguing that the secrecy surrounding reserves protects the seller from collusive bidding.

Parke Bernet maintains that its sellers require more consumer protection than its buyers. Sellers are split roughly into 25 per cent trade, and 75 per cent private collectors and institutions, while more than 50 per cent of the buyers are members of the trade. Sellers, the firm says, will be discouraged from selling at auction in New York and this in turn could hit the art trade as a whole. The Art Dealers Association of America, on the other hand, is in favour of the new proposals.

Other proposed regulations include a requirement for the auctioneer to disclose its own ownership of an item (wholly or in part) and if it has guaranteed a minimum price to the seller. Sotheby Parke Bernet announced in July that these details would in future be disclosed in all catalogues of the international group.

OBITUARY

PROF ROLAND AUSTIN

Work for Latin studies

L.A.M. writes:

I hope you will permit me to add a few points to your obituary notice of Roland Austin, both on the public and on the less public side.

His work as an editor, and especially his work on Virgil, is perhaps unique in its blend of scholarship in the traditional sense with a sensitive and wide-ranging literary interpretation. It has helped to create a new style of edition, which, without in any way discarding traditional values, has done and will continue to do much to keep Latin studies alive in our non-classical age. It also enabled him to give expositions of Virgilian passages which could enthral both fellow-scholars and boys and girls with "small Latin and less Greek". And it brought him honorary doctorates from the University of Glasgow, where he had begun his teaching career, and from the University of Besançon as well as Vice-Presidencies of the Roman Society and of the Classical Association, on whose Classical Journals Board he served for more than 20 years.

The essential humanity of Austin's scholarship found its expression also in the humanity of his contacts with the students he taught. A few of these he launched on a career of scholarship and retained as lifelong friends; but there are many others also who perhaps were in his department for only a year more than a generation ago and with whom he remained in touch to the end of his life.

MR KRISHNA MENON

Professor David V. Glass and Mrs Ruth Glass write:—

Krishna Menon's many friends will be glad to see Indira Picton-Howell's reference (October 14) to his fierce loyalty to all his friends. It was one of his outstanding characteristics.

No less outstanding was his courage in adversity, whether during the period of the Sino-Indian conflict when he resigned from his post as Defence Minister; during occasions of electoral defeat; or during his weeks spent in hospital last spring after a series of heart attacks. It was precisely at such times that he showed his remarkable stature as a human being.

It was said in the obituary notice that Krishna Menon was "unlikable". But unlikable to whom? To members of the Establishment here and in the United States, no doubt. But not to the thousands of Indians who, both before and after his fall from political grace, waited patiently for hours to hear him speak. Nor to the delegates to, or the staff of, the United Nations. Nor to the New Yorkers who, even when the American press attack on him was at its height, came up to him in the street to shake his hand and thank him for his efforts for peace.

Rear Admiral Denham Maurice Turner Bedford, who was appointed an ADC to the King in 1938, died on Thursday. He retired in that year but was recalled for service in the Second World War.

Science report

Molecular biology: Death of a dogma

The creed that the genetic blueprint that each organism inherits from its parents is identical for all cells of the body may have to be revised in the light of recent experiments with a very low form of life, the protozoan *Tetrahymena*.

That minor revolution is the best way molecular biologists can see out of a thorny evolutionary difficulty raised by the nature of the genes for some of the essential equipment used by cells in the making of proteins. The suggestion is in essence that the genetic blueprint (DNA) which is passed on during procreation is different from that in cells involved in the routine tasks of existence.

The difficulty concerns ribosomes, the cellular particles on the surface of which proteins are made. Ribosomes are constructed from proteins and RNA, and genes (DNA) exist to code for both types of molecule. In simple organisms like bacteria about 10 genes code for ribosomal RNA. But in all higher organisms several hundred identical genes code for ribosomal RNA. Presumably the larger number is to ensure that there are plenty of ribosomes available to make all the proteins needed in the larger cells of higher organisms.

The large number of identical genes poses a question if it is assumed that, like every other gene, the ribosomal RNA genes have all been inherited from parents, who inherited them from their parents, and so on. For mutations occur all the time and one would expect to see at least slight variations between an individual's ribosomes resulting from these random mutations. But no variations are found; the hundreds of genes are identical.

Various bizarre suggestions have been made to account for this phenomenon. One idea is that there are master genes and slave genes—any mutations in slave genes are suppressed by the master gene so that all remain identical. Although this theory was put forward several years ago little evidence has been brought forward to support it.

Now the need for such theories has been eliminated at the expense of a point of dogma: that the DNA an individual inherits from his father and mother is identical with that present in every cell of his body; none is gained and none is lost.

The experiment was performed by Dr Meng-Chao Yao, Dr Alan Kimmel and Dr Martin Gorovsky, of Rochester University, New York. The protozoan *Tetrahymena* with which they worked consists of only one cell but each cell contains two nuclei, each with its own DNA complement. These two nuclei have functions analogous to those in the body cells and germ cells (sperm and egg) respectively of higher animals. One nucleus, the macronucleus, directs operations in the cell; the other, the micronucleus, takes part in sexual reproduction and contributes the DNA for the next generation's micronuclei and macronuclei.

The scientists measured the amount of DNA coding for ribosomal RNA in macronucleus and micronucleus. They found that the macronucleus contained about 200 identical copies of the ribosomal RNA gene (comparable to the number in a higher animal) and the micronucleus contained fewer than 10 copies (comparable to the number in a bacterium). Since all macronuclei originate as micronuclei, the extra copies of DNA must have been made within the lifetime of each cell.

If this situation existed in other organisms also it would explain the identical multiple copies of ribosomal RNA. If most of the 200 copies are made anew in each generation there would be no time for mutation to alter them; they would all be identical. Unfortunately the situation is not obviously comparable to that in higher animals; previous measurements showed that the number of genes for ribosomal RNA seem to be the same in body cells and germ cells.

But the scientists point out that sperm and egg cell nuclei must run their own cells efficiently as well as storing DNA for future generations; unlike the micronucleus, which is a passenger in a cell run by a macronucleus, these nuclei need the DNA to code for a large number of ribosomes. So a drop in the number of ribosomal RNA genes might be only temporary and might easily escape notice.

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University news

Oxford

A James Mew scholarship in Arabic has been awarded to Miss Julia M. Bray, St Hilda's College, and a James Mew Exhibition in Rabbinical Hebrew to D. J. Wasserstein, Pembroke College.

Cambridge

Election

B. W. Napier, MA, research fellow, Queens' College, to an official fellowship in law, to be held concurrently with a joint Queens' College/Trinity College lectureship in law.

London

CHELSEA COLLEGE: *Professor R. A. Pinker*, BSc(Soc), MSc(Econ), Lewisham Professor of Social Administration at Goldsmiths' College, has been appointed to the new chair of social studies.

Birmingham

Appointments:

The personal title of professor of neurocommunications has been conferred on Dr I. C. Whitfield. He has been director of the neurocommunications research unit since 1962.

Bernard Isaacs, MD, consultant physician, geriatric medicine, Glasgow Royal Infirmary group of hospitals, has been appointed to the new Charles Hayward Chair of Geriatric Medicine from January 1.

Keele

Appointments

M. S. Crawford, BA (Keele), BPhil (Oxon) as lecturer in American studies; R. H. Dalda, BA (Canterbury), junior research fellow, Centre for Social Science Research, as research fellow in the centre for one year; T. Dunmore, BA (Oxon), MA (Essex) as lecturer in politics; R. W. Dyer, MA (St And), PhD (B'ham), freelance lecturer for Keele, Birmingham, Aston and Open Universities, as lecturer in film in departments of American studies and adult education for one year; Corinne M. M. Henry as lectrice in French for one year; W. E. Parkinson, BA (Lancaster), tutor in education, as lecturer in adult education; Dr A. Shoenberg, senior visiting research fellow in physics, as postdoctoral research associate under SRC grant in physics for 18 months; T. Sundaresan, MSc (Madras), PhD (Nottingham), as research fellow in physics for one year under a grant from the Cancer Research Campaign; M. Tappin, BA (Essex), MSc (London), as lecturer in American studies.

Grants

£12,300 from Science Research Council, to department of chemistry for three years, for work by Dr P. H. Plesch on determination of propagation rate—constant for cationic polymerization of olefins.

£10,555 from Social Science Research Council, to department of psychology for one year for work by Professor S. J. Hutt on analysis of the behaviour patterns of children between two and five.

£10,760 from the Science Research Council, to department of chemistry for three years, for work by Dr P. H. Plesch on polarography of cations in polymerizing systems.

Loughborough

Appointments

Lectureships: B. Burchell, BSc, PhD, former research fellow at Dundee University, chemistry.

A. F. L. Hyde, BSc, former senior research assistant, Nottingham University; G. H. Mortimer, lecturer, Teesside Polytechnic; R. H. Neale, MSc, former lecturer, Cement and Concrete Association; P. J. Robbins, BSc, PhD, lecturer, Teesside Polytechnic, all civil engineering.

S. Williams, BSc, PhD, former research engineer, Pirelli General Cable Works, electronic and electrical engineering.

R. Meddis, BA, PhD, former lecturer in psychology, Bedford College, London, human sciences.

F. Smith, BA, senior lecturer, Loughborough Technical College, library and information studies.

R. M. Thorpe, BSc, formerly at Bradford University Management Centre, management studies.

J. F. Harper, BSc (Eng) MSc, GIME, research engineer, TAC Construction Materials, materials technology.

D. A. Hemsley, BSc, former technical officer, ICI Plastics Division, polymer technology.

A. E. Bryman, MA, former research fellow in sociology, Birmingham University, social sciences.

E. J. Gubbins, BSc, lecturer in transport studies, Plymouth Polytechnic, transport technology.

G. E. Chivers, BSc, PhD, former lecturer in organic chemistry, Hatfield Polytechnic, to be course organizer in the centre for extension studies.

Stirling

Arnold Morrison, BA, MEd(Birm), of the department of education, Dundee University, has been appointed to the chair of education.

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uncil of Legal Education es the following results of chaelmas examinations, students of the Inns of Inns are indicated thus: ln's Inn; I, Inner Temple; le Temple; G, Gray's Inn.

(Bar final):

: R. Ka Wah Tong, M.

I, division I: No award.

II, division II: In order of Siddle, L: J. H. Perry, M: Neill, L: G. M. Gadney, G: ckton, M: May L. M. L. Kao, Fielding, M: D. Dowding, M: A. Bullough, G: Yvonne L. G: D. M. Marks, G: G. J. : R. A. Perrot, I: Nirmala Margaret V. Hutchieson, M: Lim, L: S. H. Bellamy, L: Hall, M: R. O. Barrello, M: Starling, G: Elizabeth M. : L. P. E. Rainchand, G: J. B. K. I. Jackson, M: E. R. A. V. Muir, G: Naomi A. C. : R. G. Walters, G: L. G. S. I: Caroline D. B. Sheppard, Fisher, G: Elizabeth Toulson, I.

Class III: In numerical order: I. G. Abrison, G: F. P. Angela, M: R. C. Arnold, M: C. M. Arnott, L: M. N. Ashbee, M: N. N. Ashton, M: W. S. B. Bowring, M: G. E. Brittain, M: S. P. Brough, I: M. R. Butt, M: T. R. Charlton, I: M. S. Chuhan, L: R. D. Conway, I: R. Coulson, M: P. M. Crockford, G: C. N. R. C. De Boinville, I: R. T. Dutton, M: P. Elliott, I: P. G. A. Eyre, I: J. H. Fazan, I: I. H. S. M. Findlay, M: K. F. Fletcher, G: R. M. Francis, G: S. H. Franklin, G: S. Freeman, L: Elizabeth R. French, M: Pamela T. N. Gardner, I: A. J. Greenwood, I: M. I. Hawkins, L: C. N. Herman, M: B. W. Hungerford, G: S. N. Jacobs, M: S. E. King, I: T. R. Lamb, G: M. J. Lane, L: E. Leach, G: J. Leach, G: Julia M. Livesey, G: I. Lloyd I.

D. G. Macmillan, I: P. N. Mallender, L: Catherine M. R. Mallison, M: A. H. S. Mockett, L: J. V. Mulreany, G: S.-A. Ong, M: Isabel R. Pearson, M: Jacqueline A. Perry, G: L. A. Pilkington, I: Nadine P. Radford, L: P. K. M. Reed, L: H. D. Reid, L: P. W. Richard-Carpenter, L: P. D. Sanan, M: I. C. N. Seaton, M: I. Slack, L: R. C. Swetenham, M: N. T. Toft, I: Jane S. Walker, M: C. S. Welfare, L: T. G. Whitehead, G: L. A. Wilson, I. Suzanna E. Woollam, G.

J. M. V. Head, I: Helena Inkumsah, G: J. A. Larkin, M: G. G. March, G: S. Nanah, L: R. I. Obi, L: C. Popat, L: R. W. Porritt, G: A. Rashid, L: S. A. Roberts, I: J. G. M. Swabey, G: K. T. Thio, L: E. A. Yankson, M: B. I. R. Abbas, L: Z. B. M. W. Abidin, M: D. N. Allison, L: S. H. Amirdin, L: E. I. Anionwelu, I: S. Y. Anim, I: W. Anto-Awuakye, L: Denise A. Ashing, I: E. K. Attah, G: M. N. B. Ayiku, G: R. B. R. N. Azhar, L: I. P. St. Clair, Ballonden, G: Joan A. Benbow, L: R. R. P. Bhar, G: P. Boulell, I: Ethna R. Bryan, M: D. K. Buevel, M: S. E. Campbell, I: C. A. Chambers, L: K. G. Chan, G: J. Chitsaka, G. S. G. C. Courban, M: J. Darko-Mensah, L: G. W. Davies, I: A. K. Dickson, I: G. G. Fletcher, I: A. Gaye, M: K.O.-O. Gbidi, M: Flossie B. P. Hibbert, G: H. P. Ho, M: M. A. Hoque, L: M. Hucker, L: B. A. R. Ibrahim, M: K. Indrambarya, G: R. W. Inaolo, I: S. B. Ismail, L: Y. B. M. Ismail, L: G. S. Johal, L: R. M. Joof, L: S. O. S. Kandasivam, L: L. N. Kandekore, L: P. H. R. King, L T. K. Koh, I: K. L. Kong, G: K. S. Lee, M: A. A. T. Leigh, L: Mayine Lim I: E. D. Lloyd, M: A. K. Loke, (at Koon Kam) L: M. R. I. Mia, L: S. P. J. Mlepuka, I: I. Nahappan, G: K. Ohene-Konadu, M: N. R. Parchment, L: G. W. Pinder, L: A. R. Qazi, L. A. R. Seenikatty, L: Lalitha C. Senaratne, I: A. B. Sesay, M: Eleonora Sheilish, M: P. H. Singh, I: Corinne Y. L. Tan, I: A. D. Tejan-Sie, L: J. J. E. Thomas, G: T. Thomas, M: H. O. Tynes, M: L. H. Ufton, L: Yvonne B. S. Watson, L: L. K. Wiredu, M: C. K. Wong, L: W. O. Yonng, L: C. C. Yu, G: Z. B. Zakaria, G: B. A. N. Zulkifli, M.

The following have been awarded a conditional pass. The section they have yet to pass is shown in brackets against their name. Key: (1) General Paper I: (2) General Paper II: (3) Civil and criminal procedure and evidence: (4) Revenue law: (5) Family law and procedure: (6) Law of landlord and tenant: (7) Sale of goods and hire-purchase: (8) Local government and planning law: (9) Practical conveyancing: (10) Conflict of laws: (11) Law of international trade: (12) Public international law: (13) Roman Dutch law of property. In numerical order: A. J. Earlon, M (5): M. J. Gordon, M (7): J. M. Griffiths, M (2): C. D. Makey, M (5): J. C. F. Nollen, M (5): S. S. Nillar, M (6): D. C. Pick, I (6): G. D. A. Richardson, M (6): C. J. Smith, M (6): Moira Solaer, M (6): J. M. Stevenson, I (7): C. W. C. Strachan, I (7): C. J. Sutton-Mallocks, M (3): P. C. U. Akunno, I (7): L. L. W. Gomes, G (4): L. A. Haines, I (1): S. T. Harrington, L (1): U. A. O. Holmback, G (2): A. S. Jeewah, M (4): B. P. Sharma, I (1): Ann-Teng Tay, L (4): Elsie A. Taylor, L (4): J. U. Ahamed, I (8): B. A. Aminuddin, L (7): P. A. Chikezie-Offoaro, I (12): O-T. P. Chong, L (6): M. A. R. Choudhury, L (11): P. C. Enebeli, I (5): K. F. Enti, I (1): Anil D. Goonewardene, I (10): Christina A. J. Jones, M (4): D. C. Kapila, L (6): K. S. Kilmartin, M (3): R. G. Koathes, I (3): C. V. Mistry, I (12): G. E. O. Nelson-Williams, L (1): E. K. Nkansah, M (2): V. G. Raghavan, I (1): J. S. M. Rowe, I (10): J. F. Slattery, M (1): D. S. Vincent, M (12): O. E. A. Williams, M (4): H-G. Wong, G (1).

The following have passed individual sections to complete part II. In numerical order: T. G. A. Adcock, I: Alexandra E. Allen, M: Elizabeth H. Andrew, M: Pamela H. Badley, L: H. Barolsky, M: C. W. C. Barr, L: N. L. Biddle, G: O. S. P. Blunt, M: P. G. Coldin, M: J. P. Camp, I: Carole S. Carnes, I: E. R. E. Caws, I: G. B. Chapman, L: Caroline Chichester-Clark, I: P. J. Cooper, G: J. A. Cousins, I: Sheilagh E. Davies, M: D. J. Desmond, M: A. C. De Winton, M: H. J. Dingwall, L: J. W. Dixon, M: C. W. Driscoll, G: T. J. C. Eggar, I: C. A. Fowler, M: J. D. E. Gallagher, G: S. M. Gannon, M: Helen N. S. Gough, G: M. R. Grossbard, M: Jennifer C. Heath, L: J. M. Hosford-Tanner, I: D. P. Hunt, G: P. A. Kandel, G: A. J. Keith, M: J. D. Ker Reid, I: G. C. Larder, M: Josephine M. Macfarlane, G: Rozanna M. Malcolm, G: R. K. Mathow, L: Lisa J. Matthews, G: J. S. Mitchell, M: D. S. Mrwetyana, I: M. Nathanson, M: G. K. Norris, G: Juliet D. Oliver, G: S. G. Plosker, M: J. A. P. Prince, L: J. K. Quirke, G: M. Rogers, G: A. P. Sainer, L: K. N. Salvesen, I: D. Steer, M: A. Tolan, L.

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No candidate sitting revenue law as an additional subject has passed.

Consolidated Regulation 23

The following candidates have obtained a conditional pass but being affected by CR23, will not be entitled to sit for a fifth time for the subject in which they have failed without first obtaining permission under CR 23.

A. A. Archer, M (4): N. I. Chowdhury, L (7): J. O. Jimiohin, I (7): N. B. Lewis, L (12); Emelia K. Opoku, L (12).

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Lord Shinwell's birthday: Lord Shinwell, who celebrates his ninetieth birthday today. He is still an active member of the House of Lords and says he is looking forward to a new lease of life.

Service dinners

HMS Seahawk

Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin, Controller of the Navy, was guest of honour last night at the Royal Naval Air Station, Culdrose (HMS Seahawk), when Commander R. J. B. Constant, Royal Navy, presided at the Trafalgar Night dinner held in the wardroom mess.

HQ RAF Germany

Sir Nicholas and Lady Henderson were among the guests at a ladies' guest night held yesterday in the HQ RAF Germany officers' mess. Group Captain K. M. Oliver presided and among others present were:

Air Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, Air Vice-Marshal P. J. Lagesen, Mr and Mrs R. A. Hibbert, Mr and Mrs R. I. T. Cromartie, Mr and Mrs W. E. J. Groves, Air Commodore and Mrs L. G. P. Martin and Air Commodore and Mrs W. D. Robertson.

Basketmakers' Company

At the election court of the Basketmakers' Company held on Wednesday, Mr Bernard L. Morgan was installed as Prime Warden and Mr Charles E. Hipkins as Junior Warden for the ensuing year.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr Bernard Rose, fellow, organist and informator choristarum and Vice-President of Magdalen College, Oxford to be President of the Royal College of Organists in succession to Dr Francis Jackson, Master of the Music at York Minster.

Church news

Diocese of Truro

The Rev C. F. Temple, Vicar of St Just-in-Penwith with Sancreed, to be Vicar of St Gluvias.

The Rev M. Thornton, formerly sub-warden of St Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, to be Chancellor and residentiary canon of Truro Cathedral.

Diocese of Wakefield

The Rev K. C. Grain, Vicar of Heckmondwicke, and the Rev A. Hesselgreaves, Rural Dean of Kirkburton and Vicar of Cumberworth with Denby Dale, and the Rev J. B. K. Low, Vicar of Illingworth, to be honorary canons of Wakefield Cathedral.

25 years ago

From The Times of Tuesday, October 18, 1949

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From Our Own Correspondent

Canberra, Oct 17.—Pressing a button which exploded a charge of dynamite at the site of the first dam four miles away, the Governor-General, Mr McKell, opened the Snowy Mountains hydro-electric undertaking at the little town of Adaminaby, lying between the hills in the shadow of Mount Kosciusko.

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27½	10½	Bayer	£17	-½	136	5.0	15.1
700	560	Commerzbank	770	-10	27.5	3.5	16.1
27½	12¾	Cp Fn Paris	£14	..	97.4	5.9	7.7
36½	28	EBES	£34	+1	172	5.1	
[illegible]	10¾	Ericsson	£19½	..	52.9	1.9	16.4
47	30	Finsider	30	..			
23¾	11	Granges	£20	..	96.4	4.8	7.6
220	200	Hoechst	200	..	14.3	4.9	16.2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Montecatini E	57	..			
15	10¾	[illegible]	£11½	..	75.2	6.4	16.3
467	312	Robeco H 5	343	+1	20.2	5.9	31.4
[illegible]	292	Rolinco Subs H 5	297	-7	4.2	1.4	37.2
240	75	Snia Viscosa	135	..	4.5	4.6	
625	290	Thyssen-Huette	315	..	16.6	5.3	11.2
29¾	17½	Volkswagen	£19½	..	..	..	..

DOLLAR STOCKS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
31¼	9½	Brascan	£17½	+½	43.9	3.5	4.8
10¼	6	BP Canada	£7				
977	687	Can Pac Ord	875	-10	35.6	4.1	12.6
11	8¾	El Paso	£7	-½	41.7	6.0	13.1
57½	35½	Exxon Corp	£42½	-½			
21½	9¾	Fluor	£10½	+½	6.6	0.5	56.1
[illegible]	13¼	Hollinger	£16¼	-½			
30¾	12½	Hud Bay Oil	£16¾	-½	25.0	1.9	30.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Husky Oil	£5½	-½			
875	440	Int Hldgs	470	+10	11.4	2.4	
22½	12	Int Nickel	£13¼		28.3	3.8	11.5
34¾	20	IU Int	£26¼	-½	35.7	3.7	6.5
14¾	7½	Kaiser Alum	£10½	-½	41.9	4.0	
17½	7¾	Massey-Ferg	£9½	+½	32.9	3.5	6.5
23	[illegible]	Pacific Petrol	£11½	-½		..	
695	445	Pan Canadian	530	-10	..	..	..
[illegible]	58	Steep Rock	60	-1	..	..	..
[illegible]	457½	Trans Can P	577	+5		..	..
[illegible]	17	US Steel	£20½	-½			
700	340	White Pass	400		15.3	3.8	7.6
15½	10	Zapata Corp	£14¼	-½	16.7	1.1	8.8

BANKS AND DISCOUNTS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
275	150	Alexs Discount	165		15.2	9.2	25.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allen H & Ross	125	-½	7.2	2.6	
400	140	Arb-Latham	140	..	10.5	7.7	6.7
436	110	Aust & NZ	138	..	13.6b	9.8	3.2
72½	24½	Bk Hapoalim	30	..	1.0	3.4	6.9
[illegible]	235	Bk of Ireland	247		20.0	8.1	2.8
[illegible]	25	Bk Leumi Israel	29	..	10.0	35.6	6.0
315	165	Bk Leumi UK	190		1.4	0.7	12.3
730	240	Bk of NSW	315	+15	17.4	5.5	7.1

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL

A—B

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	70	AAH	70	..	[illegible]	16.5*	3.6
140	47	AB Electronic	41	..	6.1	15.0*	4.0
52	37	AC Cars	37	..	1.7	4.5	6.2
128¾	45	AD Intl	50	b -1	3.2	5.4*	7.6
110¼	27	AGB Research	27	..	3.0	11.0*	4.5
315	105	APV Hldgs	128	..	14.0	10.1*	3.5
114	31	AVP Ind	36	..	3.2	8.8*	3.9
139	[illegible]	Aaronson Bros	24	..	2.2	8.8	3.3
74	21	Abbey Panels	23	..	4.0	17.4	1.8
205	44	Acrow	60	..	5.8b	9.6*	4.7
150	26	Do A	32	..	5.9b	18.0*	4.6
39	15	Adams Food	19	• ..	1.3	7.4*	8.3
77	4	Adda Int	12	-2	1.1	9.4*	4.4
[illegible]	54	Adwest Group	71	-1	8.8	12.4*	3.5
51	19	Aeron't & Gen	19	• ..	1.5	8.2*	11.6
126	70	Airfix Ind	82	+2	3.9	4.8*	9.6
109	30	Do NV	35		3.9	11.2*	4.1
73	26	Albright & W	41	-½	5.3b	12.9*	5.3
101½	63½	Alcan 10½%	£67½	-½	1050	16.5	..
97½	58	Do 9% Cnv	£63		900	14.3	
90	31	Allen E.	32	-2	4.2	13.1*	3.8
99¾	30	Allen W. G.	23	-1	3.5	15.2*	5.9
37½	20	Alliance Alders	18	..	1.6	8.9*	6.5
108¾	45½	Allied Colloids	70	• -2	2.1	3.0*	8.8
42½	11	Allied Plant	11	• ..	1.1	9.6*	3.3
119½	40	Allied Polymer	42	..	5.8	13.9*	5.4
[illegible]	7	Alpine Hldgs	12½	-½			3.5
397	140	Amal Metal	158	-2	16.0	10.1*	4.3
107	21	Amal Power	[illegible]	-½	4.2	13.5*	2.4
82	20	Amber Day	20	..	1.9	9.7*	[illegible]
47	11	Anchor Chem	15	..	5.9	13.6*	5.2
196	105	Anderson Strath	170	..	17.2	10.7*	5.1
[illegible]	6	Anglian Food	6	..	0.5e	6.5	[illegible]
412	235	Anglo Amer Ind	342	..	32.4	9.1	[illegible]
43	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	30	-1	4.4	14.6*	4.0
250	107	Anglo-Thai Corp	121	-1	3.5	2.9*	2.8
126	21	[illegible]	24	..	2.3	9.4*	4.0
75	24	Appleyard	22	..	5.5	17.6*	4.2
90¼	14	Aquascutum 'A'	14½	..	1.5	10.6*	4.4
137	42	Arlington Mtr	43	..	8.9	20.6*	3.8
194¾	34	Armitage Shanks	61	-1	4.3	15.7*	6.2
97	21	Armst Equip	22	..	2.3	9.7*	4.3
66	34	Ash Spinning	37	..	3.0	8.7	4.7
63	41	[illegible]	44	..	6.3	14.2	..
140	21	Ass Biscuit	75	+1	3.3	9.9*	4.8
117	21	Do A	32	+1	3.3	10.2*	4.6
29	6	Ass Brit Eng	6				9.9
87	21½	Ass Brit Food	29½	-½	2.2	9.2*	4.7
67½	20½	Ass Engineer	24	-½	4.7	19.4	3.6
101	38	Ass Fisheries	40	-1	5.3	13.2	3.0
102	42	Ass Food	57	+2	5.6n	9.8*	3.9
33	12	Ass Leisure	17	-½	3.2b	18.6*	4.5
235	35	Ass News	62	..	6.1	9.8*	4.1
45	24½	Ass Paper	27½		2.9	10.4	4.3
93	22	Ass Port Cement	92	-1½	10.4	11.3*	4.4
134	32	Ass Tel 'A'	36	..	[illegible]	21.9*	4.0
36½	20	Ass Tooling	29	..	[illegible]	9.2*	5.2
36	14½	Astbury & Madley	13	..	1.2	[illegible]	4.4
157	65	Atlas Stone	67	..	6.9b	10.1	5.8
47	16	Attwood Garage	18	..	2.2	12.0*	6.2
143	19	Audiotronic	26	+1	6.5	25.0*	3.0
52	16	Ault & Wiborg	21	..	2.9	13.7*	4.9
101½	4¼	Aurora Gear	4¼	• ..	1.0	10.8*	2.9
[illegible]	35	Austin E	35	..	1.0	10.5*	2.6
101¼	15	Automotive Pd	19	..	2.1	10.9*	1.3
140	47½	Avery's	[illegible]	-1	8.0	11.5*	5.9
212	60	Avon Rubber	67	-1	12.8	19.8	3.9
[illegible]	23	BBA Grp	23	..	3.4	14.7*	3.9
125	37	BPB Ind	50	-1	7.9	13.4*	3.5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Blagden & N	[illegible]	..	7.3	10.1*	5.2
109	34	Blumel Bros	35	..	3.1	8.8	6.1
47	27	Blundell Perm	27	..	3.1	11.4	3.6
104½	7	Boardman K. O.	8	..	1.2	15.1*	3.1
41	7½	Bodycote	9		0.9	10.6*	3.4
42	9¼	Bolton Textile	10	-1	1.8	18.3*	3.1
70	25	Bonas Webb	25		1.9	7.7*	4.9
201	63	Booker McCon	70	-3	7.9	11.2*	5.0
170	45	Boosey & Hawkes	42	..	5.2	11.6*	4.4
310	115	Boots	125	..	6.2	4.9*	7.3
29¾	8½	Boulton W	9	..	1.5	16.8	5.2
[illegible]	85	Bowater Corp	96	..	10.0	10.4*	5.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bowthorpe Hldgs	22½	-½	1.8	7.8*	4.6
50	22	Braby Leslie	22	-2	3.9b	17.8*	1.8
[illegible]	36	Brady G	46	..	7.5	16.2*	4.1
102	32	Do A	34	..	7.5	21.9*	3.0
[illegible]	15	Braid Grp	15	..	1.5	10.1	3.4
[illegible]	46	Braithwaite	50	..	9.0	17.9*	4.5
94	46	Brasway	91	..	3.0	5.0*	3.2
93	32	Bremner	32	..	4.5	14.2*	5.3
74	25	Brent Chem Int	25	..	1.5	5.9*	6.0
98	17½	Brickhouse Dud	16	-1	2.4	15.0*	4.6
115	60	Bridon	72	-6	5.6	7.8*	6.6
96	40	Brierley	44	f ..	3.2	7.2	10.3
41	16	Bright J Grp	16½	..	2.8	16.7*	4.4
20¼	4½	Bristol Plant	7½	..	0.9	12.0*	3.1
104	162	Brit Am Tob	176	-1	15.3	8.7	4.2
196	27	Brit Car Auctn	29	..	3.3	11.4*	6.0
36½	11	Brit Enkalon	11	-1½	3.0	27.3*	1.1
321	135	Brit Home Strs	161	-6	10.5	6.5*	10.1
75	15	Brit Ind Hldgs	19	..	2.0	10.8	1.6
179	75	BICC	87	-1	9.1	10.5*	6.0
37½	7	BLMC	10	-½	2.2	21.9	
80	18½	Brit Mohair	18½	-½	3.5b	18.7*	2.5
91	30½	Brit Oxygen	33	-½	3.3	14.4	4.4
104	24	Brit Printing	28	..	4.6	16.3*	2.2
74½	11½	Brit Relay W	16	b	2.4	14.7*	7.3
64½	18½	Brit Rollmakers	21½	• -½	3.4b	15.8*	7.4
98	38	Brit Sim Spec	41	..	6.6	16.0*	5.1
310	175	Brit Sugar	185	..	11.8b	6.4*	2.3
47	15	Brit Tar Prod	16	-1	1.0	6.3*	3.0
31	4½	Brit Vending	4	..	0.6	6.6*	6.8
295	46	Brit Vita	48	..	5.9	12.2*	2.0
92	20	Brittains	27		3.8	13.9*	4.8
255	83	Brockhouse J.	83	-2	15.8	19.0	36.1
122	24	Brocks Grp	32	-1	3.9	11.9*	3.6
405	324	Broken Hill	424	• +2	16.9	3.8	14.1
104½	30	Brook St Bur	34	-1	5.8	17.1*	2.6
74	22	Brooke Bond	25½	-½	3.0	11.8	3.8
27	9	Brooke Tool	17	..			
160	38	Brotherhood P	40		8.6n	21.9*	4.5
122	37	Brown & Tawse	42	-1	2.8	6.6*	3.5
23	6	Brown Bros Cp	6½	-½	0.6	8.9*	3.4
174	47	Brown J	78	-1	12.7	16.3*	6.2
84	20	Brown N Inv	26		3.1b	12.0*	3.6
41	26	Brunlea Hldgs	30	..	2.1	7.0*	9.2
105	57	Bruntons	65	• ..	7.8	12.4*	9.0
39	14	Bryant Hldgs	15	-1	2.8	16.1	1.6
16¾	1½	Budge Bros	1½	f ..	1.0b	50.4*	2.0
139	29	Bullough Ltd	36		5.9	16.4	2.4
43½	14	Bulmer & Lumb	18	-½	3.2b	17.8*	4.7
117½	50	Bunzl Pulp	59	-2	5.3	9.0*	4.1
121	23	Burco Dean	30	-1	3.9	13.1	2.8
50	25	Burgess Prod	25		4.7	18.9	2.1
89½	32	Burnett H'shire	32	-1	3.7	11.5*	3.4
77	29	Do A NV	29	-1	3.7	12.7*	3.1
72	11	Burns Andson	11	• .	1.7	15.0*	2.5
29	8	Burrell & Co	11	+1	0.8	7.6*	7.3
340	195	Burt Boulton	200		13.9	6.9*	3.9
224	34	Burton Grp	37		6.6	17.8	3.2
215	29	Do A	31	-2	6.6	21.3	2.7
65½	28	Bury & Masco	29½	-½	5.4	18.3*	4.6
76	4	Business Com	4	f ..	0.7b	17.5	6.9
74	14	Butterfld-Harvy	16	..	2.5	15.4*	34.6

C—E

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div pence	Yld %	P/E
175	29	CH Ind	30	-2	5.2b	17.4*	4.0
[illegible]	14	CGSB Hldgs	14	..	1.7	12.4	
74½	20½	Cadbury Sch	29	-½	3.4	11.7*	5.8
103	44	Caffyns	45	..	6.7	14.9*	5.3

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Mr Healey again rejects high unemployment and hints at 3pc growth

y Melvyn Westlake

In a remarkably conciliatory ›eech to a City audience last ght at the Mansion House Mr enis Healey, the Chancellor, gain rejected high unemploy- ent as a policy for curing in- ation. He appeared to hint at his objective was to hieve a growth level of about per cent.

Mr Healey was speaking at e Lord Mayor's annual ban- iet for bankers and merchants the City of London. He went considerable lengths—per- ps further than was politic- y prudent—to repair the mage to relations which had curred in recent months be- een the City and the Labour vernment.

The Chancellor referred in wing terms to the contribu- n that the City made to itain's economic wellbeing.

However, he was quite un- npromising on the issue of employment. All recent ex- ience had shown that unem- yment at a level which a e society could tolerate was a cure for inflation, he d.

ndeed, it was more "likely to ke inflation worse—not only ause it increased unit costs, also because it was liable to l to higher wage demands as trade unions sought to pro- e their members with a nion against the risk of un- ployment".

Moreover, Mr Healey added, simply cannot understand it can make economic sense to dole out some £900m a year in unemployment pay, redundancy pay and supplementary benefit to keep a million active men and women idle—when the nation needs the goods they could produce".

His hint about a 3 per cent growth rate came when he said that provided overall demand—foreign as well as domestic—was prevented from outstripping the growth in Britain's productive capacity (which is roughly about 3 per cent) the Government's ability to control inflation would depend on ensuring that the general level of pay settlements did not rise above that needed to cover increases in the cost of living.

Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England, who also spoke, firmly took up the cause of Britain's ailing industrial and commercial companies.

In uncompromising language, the Governor said that companies—including those in the public sector—had to make profits. Companies were "not the enemy of the people, entrenched on the other side of no man's land".

They were bodies who organized employment and output and turned savings into productive investment.

In the two years to the middle of this year, industry had to find £6,000m to finance stock appreciation, he said. To meet this, and to pay tax on notional profits thrown up in this process, industry had had to borrow on an unprecedented scale.

The position was now being reached where many managements felt that, with the present outlook, they could not prudently add further to their debt.

Although constrained in offering any remedies to the situation by the approach of an autumn Budget, the Governor managed to convey clearly the areas in which he thought help could be provided.

He said it was now widely *accepted that controls on prices* needed, at least, to be relaxed. Elimination of the productivity *deduction (which permits* companies to raise prices by only half the rise in their labour costs) for instance would stop the position of companies from getting worse.

He also believed that if inflation accounting was adopted, it would lead to a better understanding of the problems that companies now faced.

Turning to monetary policy, the Governor said that he hoped in the year ahead to "avoid large divergences from recent monetary trends".

By this he meant the Bank of England would be aiming to maintain the lower rate of monetary expansion and the gentle easing of interest rates. However, these objectives would depend on the measures taken to help company liquidity.

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Hawker men threaten work-in over 146 closure

Hawker Siddeley was yesterday threatened with a "work in" if it pushed ahead with its plan to shelve the HS146 air bus project as from Monday.

Mr John Rowan, divisional organizer of the AUEW covering the company's Hatfield, Hertfordshire, factory, said his members in the design team would continue working on the project "come what may".

He said: "About 250 of my members have decided to resist any attempts to take the work away from them. Their jobs are in jeopardy and they will continue to work on until the company reverses its decision."

Mr Rowan accused Hawker Siddeley of "political blackmail" by announcing it would have to abandon the air bus because of increased costs.

"In effect, the company has told the Government to provide extra money if it wants to save the project", he said.

"Union representatives will be seeing Mr Benn, Industry Secretary, tomorrow and we hope he will take action that will save the project."

The unions want Mr Benn to nationalize the aircraft and shipbuilding industries.

The 250 Hatfield men say they will not stop working on the mock-ups of the air bus that have already reached an advanced stage.

R. W. Shakespeare writes: A meeting of the Confederation national executive in York yesterday unanimously approved a resolution calling on the Government to "implement its declared policy of public ownership and to ensure that all jobs are safeguarded". This will be handed to Mr Benn today at his invitation.

The confederation's five-man delegation will also tell Mr Benn that it has had reports from shop stewards of impending redundancies in the British Aircraft Corporation establishment at Hurn, Hampshire, resulting from uncertainties about the future of Concorde. Some reports say that 500 jobs are in jeopardy.

Mr Jack Service, the Confederation general secretary, said he would also be raising with Mr Benn the question of nationalization of the shipbuilding and ship repair industries to secure an injection of fresh capital into these industries.

Slater Walker injection of cash for insurance company offshoot

By Christopher Wilkins

Slater, Walker Securities is to inject new funds into its insurance company during the next few weeks. This was revealed yesterday when the group made a public affirmation of its "inherent financial strength" in an attempt to halt the share price slide which has followed the Jessel Securities' financial crisis.

On Wednesday Slater's share price felt by 7p and yesterday it fell by a further 5p to 48p at one stage before recovering to 53p after the statement was made. Two months ago, the shares stood at 100p.

The group said that Slater, Walker Insurance, like other insurance companies, had suffered from the fall in stock market prices during the past 12 months, but had a strong liquidity position with £21m in cash deposited with leading banks.

This was 37 per cent of total funds and compared with a total surrender value of all income bonds of £27m. Heavy redemptions of income bonds lay at the root of the problems encountered by Jessel's insurance subsidiary, London Idemnity and General.

While income bonds were a substantial part of the insurance company's business, Slater said there was also a broad spread of other business with recurring premium income. Steps were to be taken to strengthen the company's share capital.

The group's unit trusts were 38 per cent liquid, with cash balances of £15m placed by the trustees with leading banks outside the group.

The parent company, Slater, Walker Securities, had substantial cash resources of its own and £20m of unused reserve bank facilities. In addition, net current assets were in excess of £105m and uncharged free assets had a market value in excess of £65m.

The group blamed its share price collapse on "rumours" which "appear to be based upon the fact that Jessel Securities owns a unit trust group and an insurance company and for that reason Slater, Walker Securities may be encountering similar problems".

John Plender writes: Shares in Edward Bates, the banking and insurance group which owns Welfare Insurance, plunged to a new low point yesterday as rumours of further trouble in insurance swept the stock market.

Bates is known to be trying to sell Welfare, which it acquired from Brooke Bond Liebig in 1973 for £5¼m.

But in spite of reports that Welfare had not suffered from a rush of redemptions from its policyholders, the Bates share price closed 6p lower at 20p, where the group is valued at under £3m compared with nearly £50m at its peak last year.

Yesterday a spokesman for the Department of Trade confirmed that consultations had taken place with Welfare. The department was watching the situation closely, he said, but he declined to comment further.

Last November the Department of Trade imposed a control order on Welfare, along with a number of other insurance groups, as a routine measure under the Insurance Companies Amendments Act. This required the company to deposit sufficient assets with an approved trustee to meet its domestic liabilities.

Welfare wrote a number of guaranteed income bond policies before the Budget earlier this year removed the tax attractions of this form of investment. However, the proportion of guaranteed income bond business is understood to be much less than at London Indemnity, the troubled insurance subsidiary of Jessel Securities.

But the company has attracted some criticism in the City since an unusually high proportion of its £67m life fund is committed to two property companies. The larger of the two commitments is to an unquoted development group, Aspen Securities, which made an attributable loss of £288,000 in the latest reported financial year.

Rumours of liquidity trouble in the banking subsidiary of Edward Bates & Sons (Holdings) have also been denied. Edward Bates & Sons is the latest bank to have been granted full authorization by the Bank of England.

Jessel talks: Discussion on the future of London Indemnity and Jessel Securities continue. Although a spate of redemptions precipitated its difficulties, it is also clear that the assets and liabilities of the company are inadequately matched, even assuming no further redemptions take place.

Since a relatively high proportion of London Indemnity's assets is invested in ordinary shares, debentures and property, as opposed to dated gilt-edged stocks, there are bound to be areas of uncertainty in an actuarial valuation of the fund.

At this stage it is not clear what form a rescue, under the leadership of the Prudential Assurance and the Commercial Union, might take.

Until agreement is reached and a formula worked out, the future of Jessel Securities itself, whose quotation was suspended on Monday, must remain unclear. Some £6m of uncalled capital is due from Jessel to London Indemnity

Yesterday G. R. Dawes, the Birmingham-based financial group in which Jessel has a 20 per cent stake, revealed that it had granted a £364,000 overdraft to Jessel secured on shares of another Jessel associate, Johnson and Firth Brown.

The shares now have a market value of around £150,000.

Herstatt fund may get private banks' aid

The West German Private Banking Association said in Bonn yesterday it was prepared to contribute Dm35m (about £5.8m) to the Dm325m fund to be added to assets due to creditors of the Herstatt Bank.

But it said this was conditional on all other suggested contributors complying with the requests as outlined last week by Herr Günter Vogelsang, the independent Herstatt negotiator, in his second proposed Herstatt settlement formula.

The German Savings Banks Association, however, has refused to contribute a requested Dm15m although Herr Helmut Geiger, its president, has said it favours an agreed settlement. The Association of Peoples and Cooperative Banks has still to decide on the proposed Dm10m contribution.

Short-time working at TV component plant

The Mullard television component factory at Southampton, part of the Philips group, is to introduce a four-day week for 140 of its workers. Last month Philips announced that the Mullard monochrome television tube plant at Blackpool would close next year making 160 people redundant.

It also announced a shorter working week for 1,600 employees at plants at Dunfermline and Simonstone in Lancashire.

Bank offered for sale

The owner of the small Banco di Milano, Signor Ugo de Luca, offered to sell the bank a day after he had asked government controllers to step in and supervise the bank during a run on deposits. The run formed part of a chain of events resulting from the collapse of the financial empire of Signor Michele Sindona.

Plessey profits up

Profits at Plessey, the telecommunications and electronics group, rose by 23 per cent, from £6.4m to £7.9m before tax in the first quarter of this year. Mr Jack Frye, its financial director said the group "could" be interested in acquiring certain parts of the family-controlled Ferranti group.

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$180m oil rig orders

Matthew Hall Engineering has been awarded two contracts worth a total of $180m for engineering and procurement services on two new North Sea oil production rigs. The larger, worth $100m, is from Mobil Norway on behalf of the Statoil-Mobil group. Another, worth $80m, is for the Occidental group's Claymore "A" oilfield.

Pilkington attacked

In a strong attack, the General and Municipal Workers' Union says it has "totally condemned the maverick way" in which Pilkington Brothers, the glass manufacturers, had announced the decision to defer its plant investment programme "without any discussion with the union and in complete contradiction to assurances that the union would be consulted on future plans".

merican GNP drop onfirms recession

n Frank Vogl
hington, Oct 17

ıe United States is now mov- into a deepening recession, ng had three consecutive ters of negative economic th, while the pace of infla- continues to accelerate, rding to provisional Depart- of Commerce figures pub- d today.

al gross national product ned by 2.9 per cent in the quarter of this year. Real fell by 1.6 per cent in the ıd quarter and by 7 per in the first three months of year.

lation, as measured by the cit price deflator in the figures, rose in the third ter to 11.5 per cent, from per cent in the second ter.

esident Ford maintained last week that America is n recession, but this view o longer be sustained with the clear evidence of three straight quarters of declining economic growth.

The latest data must come as a severe shock to many senior Administration officials who have long been suggesting that the improvement in the GNP between the first and the second quarters of this year indicated that the trend of real growth was upward.

The figures, showing clearly the rise in United States economic difficulties on both the recession and inflation fronts, will almost certainly produce still louder calls for tougher policies by the President.

The degree of deterioration reflected in the latest data compared with the figures for the second quarter, was certainly not expected by the chief architects of the Administration's latest economic policy programme, that was announced last week.

'Possibility' of insider deals in Dexion bid

By Terry Byland

Formal announcement yesterday by The Stock Exchange Council of its inquiry into deals in Dexion-Comino International shares ahead of last July's bid from the United States suggests that "some of those who dealt may have had advance information". The council's report is a clear indication of its intention to expose any examples of insider trading.

A copy of the report has been sent to the Special Committee of the Takeover Panel, whose chairman, Lord Shawcross, has described insider dealing as "criminal". Sir Martin Wilkinson, the previous chairman of The Stock Exchange, was equally forthright in his condemnation of the practice, which he said was tantamount to theft.

Shares in Dexion, not normally active, rose from 12p to 16½p between June 30 and July 19, and then made further progress before the announcement of a 33p a share cash offer from Interlake Inc of the United States.

The council's inquiry, which embraced evidence from 27 broking and four jobbing firms, disclosed 102 transactions in Dexion shares in the period under *review. Combined purchases* and sales involved more than 730,000 shares, while the number of clients identified as dealing—72—suggests a substantial proportion of relatively *small* deals.

The published report from the council has disclosed considerably more detail than have previous reports. The council has not previously published the number of member firms interviewed on the number of clients and shares involved.

The move to fuller disclosure has been foreshadowed in the past few weeks by indications from council members that the Exchange wished to publish more details of inquiries into insider trading, even to the extent of "naming names"

It now remains for the Takeover Panel to take any further action it deems necessary

Harland puts last year's losses at £33m

By Anthony Rowley

Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipbuilding group, whose liabilities are being guaranteed by the Government pending a virtual state takeover, disclosed yesterday that it lost £33m before tax in 1973.

The group also said that further unquantifiable losses might be in prospect. The dividend is again being passed on the ordinary preference capital, as in 1972 when Harland and Wolff lost £513,000 before tax.

Losses on work carried out last year were just under £8m on a turnover of £30.5m. However, £25.5m has been provided for estimated prospective losses and, after allowing for interest received, the total loss is £33m.

This major provision against losses is a reversal of the situation in 1972 when around £5m was released from loss provisions and brought into profits.

The 1973 loss arose from a "slippage in our shipbuilding programme with the resulting escalation of costs during the period of contracts up to 1978," Harland and Wolff said yesterday. The chief reason for this slippage was "a combination of the effects of a dispute over a pay claim during 1973 and the associated limitation on training and recruitment of labour."

British Airways fears £12m loss

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Mr David Nicolson, chairman of the state-owned British Airways Corporation, disclosed yesterday that instead of making an operating profit in the current financial year of £85m the board now expected to show a £12m loss.

The loss estimate is before payment of huge interest bills, taxation, and other items. Mr Nicolson did not indicate the net loss, but the figure could be in excess of £50m.

Cost increases of around £160m in the 12 months ending next March—due mostly to dearer fuel—will end many uninterrupted years of profit-making by the nationalized airline (which brings together BEA and BOAC) and public dividends paid out to the Exchequer.

It is also a blow to the airline's prestige, for the corporation has been one of the best run and financially strong airlines in the world, a reputation earned without any special subsidies from the taxpayer.

Yesterday, the Civil Aviation Authority rushed out an announcement that it had approved rises in domestic air fares ranging from 7.5 to 20 per cent. These follow increases of 20 per cent on all domestic routes six months ago.

Britain's airlines are to raise tourist fares on three main trunk routes between London and Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Belfast by 12 per cent on November 1. Other changes include a 15 per cent rise for Scottish internal flights from January 1.

Routes to Belfast other than from London go up 15 per cent on the same date. Tourist fares to Aberdeen and Inverness from London are increased by 12 per cent from November 1. Journeys to the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands are adjusted by rates varying from 7½ per cent 20 per cent.

The authority has also granted a 15 per cent increase in tourist fares on most other UK international routes from January 1. The stand-by fares system is to be scrapped.

A statement from the CAA said it had observed that the fare increases approved would not alter the fact that, in general, domestic air services would continue to be provided at a substantial loss.

On main trunk routes, higher rises could be justified, but British Airways had submitted that too large increases would affect competitiveness with British Rail and might produce a worse result in traffic and revenue.

The British Airports Authority reported yesterday that provisional figures for September at London area airports showed an all-round decrease.

Few national airlines have escaped from the crisis, including the American giants Pan-Am and TWA, which are now collaborating on route cut backs in the United States and working with British Airways to reschedule transatlantic business, from which British Caledonian is now withdrawing.

Even before the crippling surge in fuel costs, world airlines were earning only a net profit of 1 per cent of operating revenues.

The one optimistic note yesterday was a comment by Mr Nicolson that he had no doubt that current financial problems would be short lived because the airline industry still had tremendous growth potential.

September unit trust sales slump

Unit trust sales in September hit a four-year low. Figures released yesterday by the Association of Unit Trust Managers show that at £11.7m they are the lowest recorded since January, 1971. However, repurchases were also very low at £5.9m, against £8.6m in August, so the net sales figure of £5.8m compares favourably with £3.6m the previous month.

The total value of the 366 authorized unit trusts which are included in the statistics dropped to £1,368.5m compared with £1,520.9m in August.

ECD study s possibility oil price cut

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rent high prices for crude will depress the world nd to the point where by members of the Organiza- of Petroleum Exporting ries will lower their prices than face possible dis- ments over production tions.

confidential report to the ization for Economic ration and Development that the productive capa- OPEC countries is expec- o rise to 42.8 million of oil a day from last level of 30.5 million b/d.

the study, which appears lay's issue of the *Petro- Times* adds that if prices n at their current level, ıd will fall to 28.7 million s a day. Even if oil fell to $6 a barrel ıd would only be 36.8 mil- arrels a day.

OECD study claims that basis of market forces oil imports into member ies could be down 46 per n pre-crisis estimates if remain stable, and 28 per own if oil prices dropped 6 a barrel. Econo- reater indigenous produc- ıd the use of other fuels account for the fall.

Strikes bring Vickers shipyard to standstill

By Our Northern Industrial Correspondent

All production at the Vickers shipyard and associated engineering works at Barrow in Furness will be at a standstill tonight because of two separate pay strikes involving 4,300 workers. The rest of the 7,000-strong manual workforce will be laid off tonight and a further 7,000 face lay-off early next week.

The lay-offs plunge the town of Barrow into a grave crisis, since Vickers employs about a third of the working population of the area.

The dispute centres on the rejection by the unions of a new pay deal. The 2,300 ancillary workers, who drive cranes, internal transporters and man the stores, walked out on Monday demanding that the wage differential between themselves and skilled workers must be closed.

The rest of the workforce, including 2,000 engineers who have also stopped work, are protesting about a management plan to make a £5 a week bonus—part of the new deal—conditional on good attendance and timekeeping. They say it must be incorporated in new basic rates "without strings".

Vickers is working on orders for destroyers, submarines and a command cruiser worth together about £225m.

ne nations sign contract computer network

Roger Berthoud
ls, Oct 17

ımbitious nine-nation plan ablish a European com- ıetwork took an important orward with the signing 00,000 initial contract for sign and development of otype system. At first, esearch centres will be ted.

given successful develop- a wider European net- ould embrace such fields lth records, job move- and even travel reserva-

contract has been won stiff competition by an French consortium of er consultants, Logica sa. They have appointed bcontractors Fides of land and Selenia of using French CII ers.

The aim of the projected European Informatics Network is to enable information to flow for the first time between computer centres using many kinds of computer in several of the contributing countries. The United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland and the Euratom centre at Ispra propose to install the requisite "node computers", which will act as a form of telephone exchange.

The other participating countries — Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Yugoslavia and the Netherlands—will join in the development of the prototype node computer. Others may join later.

All the countries concerned belong to the 19-nation COST organization for European Cooperation in Science and Technology.

How the markets moved

The Times index 78.90 −1.17
FT index 203.6 −2.4

Rises

Ang-Cont Inv	2p to 18p	Ranimex Corp	7p to 102p
Burrell	1p to 11p	Hewden-Stuart	2p to 33p
Brit Home Strs	6p to 161p	Int Hldgs	10p to 470p
BLMC	1p to 10p	Lindustries	2½p to 31p
Com Union	1p to 82p	Selection Tst	5p to 295p
Furness Withy	6p to 128p	Union Corp	16p to 310p
Gallaher	7½p to 103½p	Valor	2p to 30p

Falls

Barclays Bk	3p to 140p	Pye Hldgs	4p to 28p
Bates E. Hldgs	6p to 20p	Philips Lamp	70p to 515p
Brit Enkalon	1½p to 11p	Sealed Mtr	3p to 25p
Dunlop Hldgs	3p to 30p	Thorn Electric	6p to 103p
Fisons	2p to 177p	Vavasseur	1p to 5p
GEC	3p to 68p	Wingate Inv	4p to 15p
Hawker Sidd	5p to 185p		

Equities were unsettled.
Gilt-edged securities remained quiet.
Sterling eased 5 points to $2.3330.
The "effective devaluation" rate was 18.6 per cent.
Gold gained $1 at $155.00.
SDR—$ was 1.19446 on Thursday, while SDR—£ was 0.511809.
Commodities: Copper fell £17.50 to a 17-month low of £590. Tin plunged £92.50 and zinc dropped £8. Coffee and cocoa futures declined sharply. Reuters index was 10.7 down at 1,238.1.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.84	1.79
Austria Sch	44.50	42.50
Belgium Fr	92.50	89.75
Canada $	2.34	2.29
Denmark Kr	14.35	13.95
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.75
France Fr	11.25	10.95
Germany DM	6.15	5.95
Greece Dr	71.75	68.75
Hongkong $	11.90	11.55
Italy Lr	1,660.00	1,600.00
Japan Yn	725.00	700.00
Netherlands Gld	6.30	6.10
Norway Kr	13.10	12.75
Portugal Esc	65.00	61.50
S Africa Rd	1.85	1.785
Spain Pes	137.00	132.00
Sweden Kr	10.45	10.15
Switzerland Fr	6.95	6.70
US $	2.38	2.33
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.50	38.50

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Transport engineers seek new structure

By Derek Harris

There was another development last night in the struggle for possible restructuring of the more than 40 bodies representing professional engineers in the United Kingdom.

This time it concerned the Institute of Road Transport Engineers whose membership of more than 8,500 runs from chartered engineers to engineering technicians.

The RTE as an institute has no charter and so does not belong to the Council of Engineering Institutions which is the umbrella body for the 15 engineering institutions that have royal charters.

There has been much skirmishing between non-chartered bodies and the CEI because engineers are going to need approved status if they are to practice anywhere within the EEC.

The struggle took a new turn when three of the chartered organizations, the Institution of Civil Engineers, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Institution of Electrical Engineers, called for the CEI to be replaced with a new body.

At the annual meeting of the Road Transport Engineers last night, Earl Howe, their president proved more radical than the three chartered institutions.

He said: "Real progress and effective reorganization of the profession lies in the representation of all occupations on the controlling Council of the whole profession. At present on the CEI, there is not one single representative of threequarters of the profession, the non-chartered engineers.

"This in our view has been one of the fundamental reasons for the absence of participation, the lack of status and therefore rewards and recruits which the profession, particularly the young chartered engineers, are complaining about."

The RTE plan is for the whole profession to be organized into groups representing the natural technological divisions, taking in members of both chartered and non-chartered bodies.

New minister for Mr Ford

Washington, Oct 17.—President Ford has appointed Mr Charles W. Robinson, 55, of San Francisco, as United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. He will succeed Mr William J. Casey, now the head of the United States Export-Import Bank.

Since 1965 Mr Robinson has been president and general manager of Marcona Corporation, an international shipping, mining and resource development company.

Turin call for a 'state of crisis' proclamation in car industry

From John Earle
Rome, Oct 17

Turin Industrialists' Association has formally requested the authorities to proclaim a "state of crisis" in the Italian motor vehicle industry.

The effect will enable workers who are laid off or put on short time to collect 80 per cent of their wages in government unemployment benefits, instead of 67 per cent as at present.

More than 71,000 workers of Fiat and its subsidiary Lancia in the Turin area are working a three-day week in an attempt to reduce the stock of unsold cars below 300,000.

The state-owned Alfa Romeo, Italy's second largest car manufacturer, agreed on talks with the trade unions in Milan last night to shelve plans to put 13,000 workers on short time.

Instead, the firm will close for five days in the week beginning November 4 by extending the public holiday for Armistice Day on that Monday by another four days.

The management is, however, reported to have warned union representatives that the company's debts at present amount to over 100,000m lire and are likely to rise by the end of the year to 160,000m lire (£107m).

Detroit, Oct 17.—Chrysler, the car group apparently worst affected by the current slow down in sales, has confirmed that it is making sweeping economies to shore up its dwindling profit.

The group disclosed only the broad outlines of what it called "an intensive cost-reduction programme" being undertaken "because of current economic conditions."

But it was learned that the programme could involve potentially huge lay-offs of clerical workers, consolidation and elimination of many staff jobs, possible cutbacks in capital spending and even the permanent closing of one of Chrysler's six United States assembly plants.

A Chrysler spokesman said the cutback involved "reducing fixed costs, combining operations where we can, reorganizing departments for better cost control and improved efficiency, reviewing capital-spending plans and deferring programmes not immediately essential".

PER offers top staff at lower fees

New plans designed to capture a larger share of the recruitment market at professional and executive level have been drawn up by Professional and Executive Recruitment, the Department of Employment-sponsored service.

The plans were announced yesterday by Mr Dewi Rees, director of PER. They include a new service for recruiting senior secretaries and personal assistants which will compete with the existing private agencies.

Fees charged to employers will be substantially less than those charged by existing agencies and rebates will be given if the employee leaves within four weeks.

A new interviewing service will be introduced which will enable PER to submit for a vacancy a short-list of candidates who have already been interviewed by a senior employment consultant.

Other developments include the introduction of a detailed quarterly employment market survey for employers and a remodelling of the PER recruitment advertising service to offset increased advertising rates without loss of impact.

Rover peace unlikely before weekend

A standstill persists at British Leyland Rover plant at Solihull, Birmingham, because of a strike by 150 engineering inspectors, which began on Monday. They want a higher pay grade.

All 4,000 workers are laid off and production of cars, Land Rovers and Range Rovers is stopped. There seems little prospect of a settlement before the weekend. By then the plant will have lost output of some 4,000 vehicles.

Metal box buys Dutch distribution concern

By Edward Townsend

Metal Box, which revealed two days ago that it was cutting back its investment plans, announced yesterday that it had gone ahead with the takeover of a Dutch distribution concern.

The company said that the takeover, for an undisclosed sum, was the result of growing popularity in Europe of its traditional decorated tinplate boxes and rising demand for general packaging.

The organization involved, Weleco of Nieuw Vennep near Amsterdam, has distributed Metal Box products for many years and operates in Germany, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and the Benelux countries.

A spokesman for Metal Box's General Line group said that the 100 per cent acquisition would provide closer integration of Weleco's sales effort with that of the group's export sales force to meet demand from an increasingly interrelated European market.

Metal Box is confident of a considerable expansion in Europe in certain specialized sectors.

Unilever looks at America: Unilever, is carefully surveying the American business scene for opportunities of a takeover. It decided some time ago it wanted to get stronger in the United States, both by continued growth of its operations there and by buying.

"This remains our policy" Mr David Orr, chairman of Unilever said in an interview, "We are very heavily orientated to Europe.

"Although we believe that it is a strength because the countries of Europe are going to prosper, we would like to get our investment a little more widely spread. For a multinational company we are underinvested in north America."

American permit for Aston soon

Aston Martin directors told the Government yesterday that the vital certificate allowing the company to reenter the American car market was expected within the next few days.

The company met Department of Industry officials to bring them up to date with latest developments. Aston Martin is seeking a government loan of at least £500,000 to see it through its liquidity problems

No statement was made after the meeting. It is expected that a Ministerial decision on the application for state aid will not be made immediately.

U S industries use less petrol

Washington, Oct 17.—Consumption and imports of petroleum products in the United States continue to be at a significantly lower level than a year ago, Federal energy authorities said here.

Consumption in September was 16,100,000 barrels a day, or 6.6 per cent down on a year earlier. Imports last month were about 6,000,000 barrels a day, or 8.8 per cent down on a year earlier. The drop was almost entirely attributed to a fall in the industrial sector. The motoring public has returned to its consumption level of a year ago.

Output of capital goods likely to fall

By David Young

A warning that there is likely to be a reduction in the output of engineering companies supplying capital goods to the consumer goods and construction industries is contained in a report. This is the latest quarterly survey by the short term trends working party of the Mechanical Engineering Little Neddy.

The survey shows that the level of orders in hand suggests that high production will be sustained well into 1975, but the flow of subsequent orders is already slowing down.

The decline in new orders received in the first half of this year in part reflects a reluctance by manufacturers to extend their order books still further.

Nevertheless, a significant further reduction in orders is expected, particularly from the home market, because of the slow growth of the economy.

This reduction is expected to be particularly severe from producers of consumer durables, the construction industry and other industries which sell a large proportion of their output on the export market.

This is unlikely to be fully compensated for by increased demand from the process industries and from other industries with substantial export markets.

The one area where demand is expected to increase is in the manufacture of oil exploration plant. The survey says that it is likely that capacity in this sector of the industry will be placed under a severe strain.

Chambers join call for relief from taxation

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce has joined the list of bodies which have written to the Chancellor asking for relief from tax measures.

He has been told by the association that priority must be given to fighting inflation with an easing of price controls, although the "easy" yet dangerous option of manufacturing credit artificially must not be taken.

In calling for the removal of increases in advance corporation tax, the association describes the rates of capital transfer tax as excessive.

Cash problems: Birmingham Chamber of Commerce has written to the Secretary of State for Industry, saying that the Government's professed intention to secure a healthy private sector in the economy would be "mere empty words" without early action to restore industry's cash problems.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Research into behaviour of structures for building

From Dr D. A. Senior

Sir, Professor Harris in his letter of October 10 asks that a centre be set up charged with the task of collecting and making available for inspection the results of tests on structures built with high alumina cement (HAC) concrete. He suggests that such a centre might be set up in The Building Research Establishment.

As head of the engineering department at BRE may I be allowed to comment. I fully endorse his view that structural designers must somehow be given more information about the way in which structures behave in practice, and that this can best be done through collection and distribution of test data without identification of specific buildings. This is not to shield any incompetence but to secure the data.

The need for data about buildings of all kinds, not only those built with HAC, is stressed in the BRE annual report for 1973, and is the subject of an item in the published BRE research programme for 1974-75.

In addition to broadly based studies we are currently carrying out an extensive programme of non-destructive and destructive tests on HAC members removed from buildings. The comparative data will be published as soon as possible. We have, therefore, already moved some way towards Professor Harris's timely proposal.

Finally, I should mention the DOE circular issued to local authorities and others on July 20 this year. It requested local authorities to make available to BRE the results of all engineering appraisals of buildings containing HAC in their ownership, together with the results of any tests carried out on roofs and other structural members, and it suggested that private owners should be asked to make their results available in the same way.

May I use this letter to urge the utmost in cooperation.

Yours faithfully,
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French cheque card simplicity

From Mr J. Edwin Holmstrom

Sir, The French equivalent of cheque cards, which seems simpler and more economical than the British system, avoids the difficulty stated by Mr Robinson (October 9).

When I lived in France and had an account at the Société Générale I could obtain cash at any town or village which had one of its numerous branches, merely by signing a cheque there and showing my passport or other pièce d'identité which included a photo. The cashier thereupon date-stamped and wrote the amount on the back of the last unused stub in my cheque book so as to preclude the cashing of another cheque from the same book on the same day.

While on the subject of bank services for the convenience of their customers, cannot something be done to avoid the bother experienced by self-employed people in identifying the sources of varying amounts paid into their accounts at irregular intervals which are described in the periodical statements by nothing more helpful than "sundry credit", "bank giro credit", etc?

It is understandable that a full "narrative" such as Coutts & Co advertise may be too expensive, but it would suffice if the computers were made to print out a three-letter abbreviation of the source (even if not a standardized one), along with the date of each inpayment.

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Post early for London colonies!

From Mr Peter Lantos

Sir, "Christmas parcels and surface letters to the Falkland Islands, Fiji, Sabah and Sarawak, New Zealand, Peru, Seychelles, Sudan, BFPOs 3 and 605 should be posted by Thursday, the Post Office said yesterday" (The Times, October 15).

And to most London postal districts too!

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122 Bedford Court Mansions,
Bedford Square, London, WC1.

From Mr David McCormick

Sir, Professor Michael Balfour is wrong in saying in his letter (October 14) that a letter posted in Germany costs "roughly 8½p". It actually costs 50 pfennigs, as he says, but to translate this sum into sterling—or any other currency—is not meaningful.

It all depends on what 5½p will buy in Britain, and on what 50 pfennigs will buy in Germany. Fifty pfennigs is indeed worth 8½p if it is exchanged in this country, but in Germany 50 pfennigs is worth precisely 50 pfennigs.

Does the professor believe that the Germans will pay 10 per cent more for their stamps if their currency is revalued by 10 per cent?

DAVID McCORMICK,
Inlingua School of Languages,
197 Victoria Street,
London, SW1.

True facts about U S contracts at Felixstowe Dock

From Mr Gordon Parker

Sir, In The Times of September 23 you reported remarks by Mr John Lunch, director-general of the Port of London Authority. You stated that within the past few weeks a major American concern had shifted its United Kingdom terminal from Felixstowe to Tilbury, and said that the cargo involved had amounted to 200,000 tons annually.

This is entirely without foundation.

On a previous occasion it was stated in the annual statement of the chairman of the Port of London Authority that, as exemplifying the efficiency of the PLA, two services had quitted Felixstowe and come to London. This was only partially correct; one of the services merely included London in its call. But reference was not made the following year to the facts that they had both had enough and returned to Felixstowe.

I am averse to the making of comparisons, but if my port is to be regarded by the PLA as being the yardstick by which its own efficiency is measured, then one might surely expect some degree of accuracy.

Your obedient servant,
GORDON PARKER,
The Felixstowe Dock
and Railway Company,
Suffolk.

Liability in car accidents

From Mr C. J. Russell

Sir, May I, as an individual, reply to Mr Burrow's letter with regard to his plea to car insurers.

He is quite right in what he says, but there is a simple method of dealing with this problem without recourse to the police or breach of policy conditions. Immediately after the accident both parties should agree what happened and to write this down in factual form.

This is not an admission of liability but obviously states what did happen, and as both parties have signed it then neither are able to retract at a later date.

One further point to be considered is the question of a professional intermediary to assist in these problems. The majority of brokers who belong to the leading bodies of brokers are able to give excellent impartial advice on this and other matters of insurance.

I trust that this information is of assistance to Mr Burrow and any other person placed in this predicament.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. RUSSELL,
The Chestnuts,
Sibsey,
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PROPERTY also on page 11

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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above named Company by the High Court of Justice Chancery Division was presented on the 16th day of July, 1974, to the said Court by Falbrent Properties Limited of Park House, Charlotte Street, in the City of Bristol. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, W.C.2A 2LL on the 28th day of October, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

BURROUGHS DAY & BLACKMORE, 14 Charlotte Street, Bristol, BS1 1DT. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 002418 of 1974
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of W. L. JACKSON & COMPANY Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 10th day of October, 1974, presented to the said Court by Cape Universal Building Products Limited, whose registered office is at Exchange Road, Watford, Herts, a creditor, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 4th day of November, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

J. E. BARING & CO., 22, Theobalds Road, London, WC1X 8PH. Solicitors for the Petitioners.

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In the Matter of MR. JOHN OF LONDON (FASHIONS) Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily WOUND UP, are required, on or before the 25th day of October, 1974, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Norman H. Russell, F.C.A., of 100 Park Street, London, W.1, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 19th day of September, 1974.

N. H. RUSSELL,
Liquidator

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001575 of 1974
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court. In the Matter of AVON COUNTRY INVESTMENTS Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division was presented on the 16th day of July 1974 to the said Court by Falbrent Properties Limited of Park House, Charlotte Street in the City of Bristol.

And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on 28th day of October 1974 and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of the hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

BURROUGHS DAY & BLACKMORE, 14 Charlotte Street, Bristol, BS1 1DT. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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No. 002453 of 1974
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of GINIVIR Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act. 1948

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M. A. JACOBS & SONS, Blue Star House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5PL. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002425 of 1974.
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of GROAT GROVE Limited and In the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948

Notice is hereby given that the PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 10th day of October, 1974, presented to the said Court by Hire Service Shops Limited, whose registered office is situate at 25, Willow Lane, Mitcham, Surrey, General Hirers, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 4th day of November, 1974, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

UNDERWOOD & CO., 40, Welbeck Street, London, W1M 8LN. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

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Date before which notices of claim must be given: December 30th, 1974.

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In the Matter of The Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of TUNGSTEN MANUFACTURING (1919) Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. CORK, GULLY & CO., Chartered Accountants of 10, Eastcheap, London EC3M 1DA, on Monday, the 21st day of October 1974, at 11.30 a.m. to be followed at 11.45 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the LIQUIDATOR'S Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the WINDING-UP to date.

Dated this 4th day of October, 1974.

K. R. CORK,
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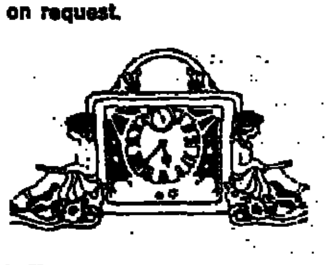

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Warning signals from Philips Lamp

hether or not yesterday's ivage treatment of the Philips amp share price—down Fl 3 to 20.90 in Amsterdam and 70p 515p in London—was an over-action will only be proved, or sproved, in the light of next onth's third quarter figures. ren so there is nothing couraging in the fact that a ujor international company at was still relatively bullish ly a couple of months back pears to be back-tracking in short a space of time.

arlier in the year it was ssible to go along with ilips's hopes of maintaining rgins on a 9 per cent sales wth (in money terms) gely on the assumption that professional end of the busi- s would enjoy a reasonably d year and that—outside the ted Kingdom at least—con- ner spending would hold up l, particularly in the main opean markets where colour vision penetration was still tively low. And despite a p in both the sales momen- and margins in the second rter, it still looked after six ths that Philips might just ut get there.

learly, however, that is no ter on, and the assumption the basis of yesterday's ement that full-year profit- ty would not now be as l as originally expected, t be that consumer markets d-wide are getting progres- y tougher. So, with stock s at end June up from 29 cent a year previously to er cent, it is no great sur- to hear about short-time ing (already in operation ritain) in Germany, Bel- , Australia and soon in nd. And from that, of e, it is a quick step to margins. Just how much is still to be seen, but the important question is still to be the development of onsumer and professional cycles through 1975.

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y seems to be heading for s of around £49m before his year (against £40m) ing that the first quarter vement of 23 per cent is ained. This fits in neatly, ith the fact that the first er has produced 16 per of total profit in each of st three years.

re are no surprises in the quarter. Last year's much ved proportion of over- ales—48 per cent, includ- exports—has been main- l, though question marks n over North America semi-conductor packag- emand has not yet shown seasonal autumn revival. alia, too, was disappoint- the first period but this ue mainly to the devalua- f the dollar there.

ancing the £489m order (as at the start of the was obviously going to nore, even without infla- and the additional funds ement has been around in the first quarter against nd cash balances of about However, working capital normally ease in the l half so there are no it worries about liquidity. rest payable meanwhile ten by nearly 32 per cent 54m and interest receiv- s down from £408,000 to 00. This disguises a 29 nt improvement in operat- nargins, which in turn s Plessey's inflation- nt order book, well pro- with variation clauses. hares remain relatively ive at 63p where the pros- p/e is around 5.2.

arter: 1974-75 (1973-74)
ization £118m
98.4m (£81.1m)
profits £7.9m (£6.4m)

Sir John Clark, chairman of Plessey: improved operating margins.

Hewden-Stuart

The cost structure

The key to Hewden-Stuart's surprisingly good first-half performance—a sales rise of a fifth and an increase of nearly a quarter at the pretax level—appears to be the high proportion of directly variable overheads in the group's cost structure.

With wages and repairs accounting for about 70 per cent of predepreciation costs, a boom on the plant hire side results in what the group sees as an uncontrollable rise in costs. In the first-half, plant hire sales in the Scottish companies continued buoyant, probably on the back of North Sea Oil activity, but profitability was down, because of higher wage and machinery costs. The English divisions, on the other hand, suffered on the sales front in line with the fall in construction activity, but profits here provided most of the £533,000 improvement at the trading level.

Meanwhile, the group has cut back capital spending to around half last year's level. Expenditure was £2m in the first six months, with perhaps another £1.25m scheduled for the second half, against the 1973 total of £6m. So this is more than comfortably covered by this year's estimated cash-flow of £6m, which also puts into perspective the rise in total borrowings to £6m since the last balance-sheet date, reflected in interim interest charges up from £270,000 to £430,000.

Sales are evidently holding up well in the second half, indicating an outcome of around £2.6m pre-tax for the full year as against £2.25m. Assuming that last year's low tax charge is repeated, a prospective p/e ratio of 3.6 with the shares at 33p, up 2p yesterday, looks a reasonable proposition.

Interim 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £5.9m
Sales £12m (£10m)
Pre-tax profits £1.27m (£1.03m)
Dividend gross 0.745p (0.609p)

GUS

Balance-sheet strength

Balance-sheet strength on the ascendant is the theme to emerge from the Great Universal Stores—a feature which will stand the group in good stead both to weather the future and also to enable judicious acquisitions.

We are looking, then, at a group which, despite a £22m jump to £93m in stocks at end March, has managed to boost net cash from £14.1m to £21.7m—the £6m of overdrafts are mainly in lower interest rate overseas territories — while cash-flow of £37m easily outstrips the £10.7m capital expenditure programme.

Add to this a £35m increase in net assets to £312m and the picture is completed.

But what of current trading? Volume is there, particularly on the mail order side and in brown goods. But there is a question mark over the hire-purchase business, still suffering from last December's restrictions, though there is little that need worry GUS here awhile with £71m of deferred profit still to accrue. The overall message implied would seem to be that further profits growth can be assumed for 1974-75.

At 103p, the "A" shares offer a historic yield of 8.2 and p/e ratio of 6.1. Better ratios can be found elsewhere in the sector but a necessary premium must be placed on the quality of GUS earnings.

Accounts: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £257m
Net assets £312m (£277m)
Borrowings £8.52m (£13.2m)
Pre-tax profit £83.0m (£77.7m)
Earnings per share 16.9p (16.0p)

Ductile Steels

Riding the price boom

The raw materials shortage has been severe enough to keep the bulk of Ductile Steels' rerolling operations working only a four-day and sometimes even a three-day week for most of the past year. So it says plenty about the way prices have kept moving ahead that the steel division's profits have risen by 85 per cent to £2.8m to account for 62 per cent of trading profits.

Clearly any easing in the raw materials situation, given that the order book remains reasonably strong, holds out good prospects of a further improvement in both margins and profits as the mills move closer to capacity working. For the moment, however, steel supply remains as short as ever, and in the meantime there are some signs of a weakening order position for the stockholding side and for uncoated tubes. Tube profits in total were up 17 per cent to £1.65m last year and demand for galvanized tube remains firm, but whether there will now be further overall growth here remains open to question.

So 1974/75 profit growth is going to depend heavily on whether material supply for rerolling improves. The problem is that, if it does, it could well coincide with a slowing of orders and would probably involve Ductile in some restocking from the present run-down level.

Admittedly that should pose few financing difficulties—Ductile paid off its overdrafts last year and is now in a net cash position—but the assumption must be that, one way or another, there will be some easing in the growth rate as the present year progresses. At 53p the shares are selling at 2.7 times earnings and yield 10.4 per cent and are clearly expecting the worst.

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73)
Capitalization £5.9m
Sales £35.3m (£28.6m)
Pre-tax profits £4.63m (£3.07m)
Earnings per share 19.74p (15.25p)
Dividend gross 5.51p (5.25p)

When £3,000m is not £3,000m

How much reflation? Peter Jay, Economics Editor, examines recent reports

The layman, even the business layman, perhaps specially the business layman, may be excused for feeling a little confused.

If he has been paying attention at all, he will have seen wildly divergent accounts of the amount of reflation which Mr Denis Healey is contemplating for his promised November Budget and of the amount of financial succour which the Confederation of British Industry is seeking on behalf of Britain's supposedly beleaguered employers.

It has been reported that the Treasury is contemplating reflation equivalent to about ½ per cent of gross national product—rather less than £400m. It has been reported that the Chancellor mentioned a figure of £3,000m when he met representatives of both sides of industry under the Prime Minister's chairmanship on Tuesday.

And it has been reported that the CBI is calling for £3,000m of tax cuts.

The confusion arises partly because some reports have been garbled and partly because a number of quite different economic concepts are being used as though they were synonymous. The main problem surrounds the utterances of the CBI, partly as passed on after Tuesday's meeting in Downing Street and partly as expounded to correspondents.

At no stage did the Chancellor express an opinion about the amount of reflation needed in the November Budget, both because he has not yet decided and because even when he has decided the matter will be treated as tantamount to a Budget secret until the Chancellor rises in the House of Commons on November 12.

The only indication of the Treasury's preliminary thinking, in the light of the latest forecasts which have just emerged from the Treasury computer, is that a small stimulus of not much more than ½ per cent of gross national product is called for.

The figure of £3,000m does not come from the Chancellor or the Treasury at all. It comes from the CBI and it relates to something quite different from either the desirable or the probable degree of reflation in the November Budget.

In fact the CBI's view is that the November Budget should be broadly neutral in its impact on total demand. In other words the CBI is even less disposed to entertain a reflationary Budget than the Treasury's first informal guesses at what may be needed.

Here a digression is needed on the meaning of the word "reflation" and on the significance of particular measurements of the required or likely degree of "reflation". "Reflation" is a term specific to those post-Keynesian notions of economic management which have dominated British official (and much unofficial) thinking in the postwar era of the full employment commitment.

"Reflation" may be broadly defined as action by the authorities (the Treasury, the Bank of England, the Revenue departments, the Department of Trade) designed to increase the total flow of spending in the economy above what it would have been if no such action were taken. Measurements of "reflation" relate to the amount—as a percentage of gnp or in millions of pounds—by which that total flow of spending will be increased in a full year as a result of such reflation.

Those measurements, moreover, normally relate to the increase in the volume of such spending; that is, discounting the effects of inflation on the recorded value of spending. Spending in this context means the direct expenditure on goods and services of central and local government, investment in plant, machinery and so on; by industry and commerce—including nationalized industries—consumers' expenditure and personal investment spending (which in practice is virtually confined to house-building).

Spending in this sense excludes the buying of capital assets (which are regarded as merely an exchange of ownership without any absorption of the nation's annual output of goods and services), exchanges of paper titles to assets and to money and transfer payments such as gifts, bequests and cash benefits paid by central and local government, and payment of taxes.

Thus reflation only has to do with direct spending on goods and services, so that—with minor qualifications—the total flow of spending so defined equals the total flow of output (minus exports, plus imports), on which in turn employment more or less directly depends.

Thus, somewhat over-simplified, the conventional postwar view sees a prospective rise in unemployment as a prospective shortfall in the flow of spending (as defined), which in turn indicates the required degree of corrective reflation.

The contribution of individual reflationary measures is measured, not in terms of the effects of the Government's cash position, but in terms of their estimated effect on the total flow of spending in the economy.

The CBI's £3,000m referred to an entirely different quantity, namely the prospective financial deficit of industrial and commercial companies in the present financial year.

"Financial deficit" here is defined as the negative quantity yielded at present by the sum of gross trading profits *plus* rent and non-trading income *plus* income from abroad *less* dividends and debenture, loan and other interest payments, *less* transfers to charities, *less* profits due abroad and taxes paid abroad, *less* United Kingdom taxes on income *plus* capital transfers (ie, investment grants), *less* capital expenditure *less* taxes on capital, *less* stock appreciation.

Professor Harold Rose has calculated that, if net income from abroad and taxes paid abroad are excluded from the calculation, then the likely financial deficit of the British activities of industrial and commercial companies in Britain this year will be between £4,500m and £5,000m.

This is unquestionably very high and compares with a deficit of £870m last year and a worst ever deficit of £1,175m in 1970 when the peak effects of Mr Roy Jenkins's monetary stringency were being felt. It is also broadly true that over the past 20 years or so the financial surplus/deficit of industrial and commercial companies has tended in average years close to balance.

It is thirdly true that a senior CBI spokesman said this week that the financial relief needed by industrial and commercial companies was of this sort of order of magnitude, ie, thousands rather than hundreds of millions of pounds.

But it is not at all the CBI's view that this need be done entirely in ways which add to the Budget deficit, or in ways which add to the total flow of spending in the economy. Nor do they think that it should be done in such ways.

Rather less than half the job, the CBI believes, could and should be done by relaxing price control in such a way as to add between 1½ and 2 per cent to retail prices. This does not add at all to the Budget deficit (indeed if applied to nationalized industries, could reduce it) and reduces the total flow of spending in the economy measured in real, or "volume", terms because consumers will cut their spending much more than companies will increase their investment in response.

In so far as the remaining £1,500-£2,000m of relief for companies is found through tax concessions and increased government spending, grants and loans, this will only add to the Budget deficit in so far as no compensating adjustments are made in other taxes and public outlays.

Even if it does increase the Government's borrowing requirement, this will only add to the money supply in so far as the Bank of England fails to raise its sales of long-term government debt accordingly, though to do so it might have to raise interest rates sharply.

The CBI further claims that any residual net tendency of the measures it wants to boost the total flow of spending can be set against the effects of the measures on supply, which will be enhanced by removing the threat of insolvency from those companies which are at present turning away profitable orders for lack of working capital and from those companies which are in danger of going out of business altogether.

In essence the CBI's claim is for a massive switch of cash flow and income from the public and personal sectors to the company sector, calculated so as to produce a broadly neutral effect on the total flow of spending. Whether this can be done consistently with the spirit and health of the social contract is something which the Chancellor will be pondering deeply and one suspects unhappily over the next two or three weeks.

UK COMPANY SECTOR

	1st half 1973 £m	1st half 1974 £m	Change %
Gross trading profits	4,153	4,976	+20
Stock appreciation	945	3,206	
Gross trading profits less stock appreciation	3,208	1,770	—45
Capital consumption	1,310	1,540	
Gross trading profits less stock appreciation and capital consumption	1,898	230 A	—88

A. After taxation, profits in the first half of 1974 must have been negative. Some illustrative figures (which admittedly include United Kingdom taxes on company income other than from trading profits are:

Estimated yield of corporation tax 1973-74: £2,245m: 1974-75: £3,285m. (Financial statement and Budget report, 1974-75.)

Payments by company sector of United Kingdom taxes on income, first quarter 1974: £1,574m (CSO financial statistics, September, 1974, page 94).

All figures taken from CSO press release dated October 7, 1974: CSO (74) 65, except for capital consumption figures, which are CBI estimates based on CSO estimates for calendar years.

Source: Confederation of British Industry.

British Caledonian caught in the turbulence

The turbulent financial weather through which British Caledonian is now flying is affecting almost the entire world airline industry. It arises largely from the fuel crisis which has led to increases of up to 200 per cent in price of aviation fuel.

Worst affected have been 22 scheduled airlines which fly across the North Atlantic, a group which British Caledonian joined on April 1 last year when it opened regular services from its base at Gatwick to both New York and Los Angeles.

Its entry coincided with the start of one of the most depressed periods in history of airline business, with oil prices due to soar later that year, inflation leading to millions of potential travellers spending their discretionary income at home rather than on air fares and with the fares on the route pitched too low to produce any worthwhile revenue.

The trend produced a crisis in affairs of Pan American and Trans World and pushed British Airways into a situation where this year it expects to make a loss of some £20m instead of a profit of £30m as had been forecast.

Emergency talks betw: the two American airlines and British Airways and British Caledonian have recently produced an agreement to reduce the number of seats which they offer on North Atlantic routes, while a series of agreements within the International Air Transport Association have rushed through fare increases totalling about 20 per cent in an effort to balance the impact of the fuel crisis.

Both these expedients came too late to soften the economic blow to the British second force airline, which is now plainly engaged in a sail-trimming operation designed to ride out a financial storm which is rocking the entire industry.

The second force airline term came into vogue with a report of the committee on British commercial aviation in the 1980s made to the government in 1970 under Sir Ronald Edwards. This promoted the idea that the British airlines scene as a whole would prosper from the building up of a strong second airline able to compete with and work alongside state carriers, then BEA and BOAC, now merged into British Airways.

British Caledonian at that time was based on Caledonian Airways, a small charter airline which had been started eight years earlier by Mr Adam Thomson, the present chairman. Expansion of Caledonian was obtained by a takeover of the much larger independent operator British United, which was itself going through a bad financial period.

In the course of the takeover, a strong attempt by BOAC to buy British United was fended off, and with the acceptance by the government of the day of a new airline as a second force as part of its acceptance of the main recommendations of the Edwards Committee, the flight path of British Caledonian into the future seemed assured. It was restructured financially with the help of a long list of banks and other companies in England and Scotland.

The main boost which the airline received to help it off the ground was a decision by the Conservative government of the day to hand over to it several routes from state-owned airlines. The most important of these was that between London and West Africa which BOAC had been operating for many years.

British Caledonian also received a share of BEA's London-Paris route and, less important, the BOAC route between London and Libya.

BEA and BOAC had their protests overruled: Mr Roy Mason, then Opposition spokesman on aviation affairs, issued a promise that when his party returned to power they would return to public ownership once more the routes which had been taken away.

British Caledonia went carefully financially from the start. No expensive new aircraft were bought, most of the fleet consisting of Boeing 707s, VC10s and BAC 111s from the fleets of the former Caledonian and former British United.

A number of new routes to centres within Europe were gradually introduced into the network, and against a fairly buoyant world state of airline industry in the opening years of this decade, the new British Caledonian looked set fair.

In the early days of the new airline, business was split between scheduled services and package holiday flights for both its own tour companies and for others outside. But the tour business has been contracted in favour of the scheduled side, an important decision in this direction being two years ago to withdraw from charter operations on the North Atlantic in face of intense competition and fares which had become so cheap that business was no longer worthwhile.

Package holiday operations were continued, but British Caledonian went increasingly after the business man who was prepared to pay higher fares on routes into Europe, to Africa, to South America—a service which the old British United took over from BOAC successfully after the state airline had said that it could not make a profit on it—and to the United States during the past 18 months.

One of the strongest selling points was that it operated from Gatwick rather than Heathrow. The immense market in the south-east corner of England was tapped on the basis that it was no longer necessary to commute across to overcrowded Heathrow.

The decision by the board during 1972 to plunge on to the North Atlantic route can now be seen as an important turning point in the fortunes of the airline. British Caledonian airways said that it was prepared to withstand losses for the opening year or two as traffic built up, but all of its careful forward calculations were thrown out by the fuel crisis.

Plans to replace its 707 airliners en route with a wide-bodied jet, most likely the Boeing 747 jumbo, which were coming to fruition for next year were shelved some time ago. The smaller airliner continued to be promoted with some success as the one where personal service was still possible as almost all other airlines on the Atlantic used jumbos with about 300 seats.

Like the rest of the industry, British Caledonian is now severely adjusting its operations against the day when it hopes that the traditional growth of 10 per cent a year will resume as world populations come to accept higher fares produced by the fuel crisis and resume their natural inclination to travel widely abroad.

Arthur Reed

Cornhill Insurance Company Limited: an apology

Yesterday's article on the insurance industry contained reference to the industry having assisted Cornhill. The company referred to was not Cornhill Insurance Company Limited nor was this intended. Cornhill Insurance Company Limited is part of the Thomas Tilling Group and has been established since 1905 and writes both life and non-life business. We apologize unreservedly for any inconvenience that may have been caused by this error in yesterday's article.

Business Diary: Institutional archetypes • Post Office first

ickford is on the receiv- l of a daily barrage of d mail from people all world wanting to know eing an architect.

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Pickford says that re getting far better fficers than they ever speaks in glowing Eton, whence comes tream of letters about haps in the school of re that would best

r, her own hunch se pension-conscious that in many homes at the moment there is a general atmosphere of "Where will we all be 10 years from now if this goes on?" and the children just soak it up with their cornflakes.

Conversely, many older people are becoming younger in heart, according to Mrs Pickford's postbag. There are married women who, with their children old enough to go to school, are now embarking upon the seven to nine years' training that it takes to become an architect.

There are also more and more inquiries from established people in banking or accountancy, or from reluctant members of family firms. They may be anything from 30 to 50 years old, and having put by some money have decided to use it to finance their long training.

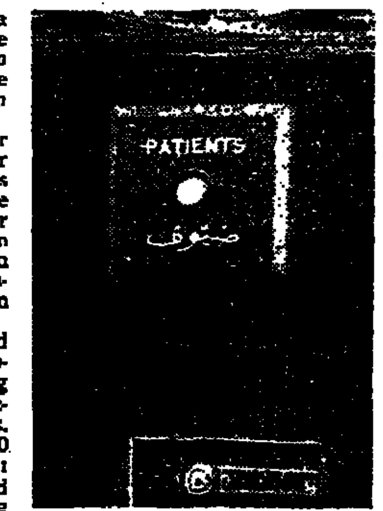
This, Mrs Pickford thinks, is not so much because of gloom over the economic situation as a desire to break out of careers that they feel stifle their creative impulse.

Woman chief

A century of Post Office history is being rounded off rather neatly with the corporation's decision to appoint Ena Knight as its first woman director of a telecommunications region.

Miss Knight is to succeed James Golothan as director of the eastern region on his departure to become director of service at Post Office Telecommunications.

Miss Knight, who was head of inland tariffs at telecommunications headquarters, joined the Post Office before the war as a clerical officer.



Money talks: this sign of the times was photographed in Harley Street this week by John Manning.

The Post Office was, in fact, one of the first advocates of the wider employment of women in jobs usually reserved to men. However, the motives had more to do with self interest than anything else, and the Postmasters-General of the past century were only treading a path blazed by private enterprise.

In an admirable but now out-of-print TUC publication, *Women in the Trade Union Movement*, there is a reference to the Telegraph Act of 1869 which gave the Post Office the monopoly of inland telegraphs but obliged the PMG to take over the staff as well as the equipment of the private companies.

Among them were found to be a few women operators, whose continued employment in the same place as men was regarded by the department as "a hazardous experiment".

By the early 1870s, however, women were actually being hired because "the wages that will draw male operators from but an inferior class of the community, will draw female operators from a superior class". Besides, since women then left on marriage, "there will always be fewer females than males on the pension list".

In 1872 a PMG was saying: "When it was announced . . . that there were 12 vacancies for junior counter-women at wages from 14s to 17s a week, more than 1,200 candidates presented themselves."

There were so many, indeed, that Cannon Row was blocked up by aspiring lady clerks besieging the offices of the Civil Service Commissioners. Ah! those were the days!

Yacht man

The Sydney and Perth stock exchanges said yesterday that they are looking into the Bond Corporation, a developer controlled by Alan Bond, whose £4m yacht Southern Cross was the unsuccessful challenger in last month's America's Cup race. Bond Corporation embraces land development and mining interests in Western Australia.

Inquiries are also being made into another West Australian developer, Landall Holdings.

Terry Hogan, the deputy chairman of Perth stock exchange, said the exchange was perturbed about reports that the companies had encountered liquidity problems, but said there was no suggestion of trading in their shares being suspended.

Both companies are said to be asking for help from the federal government, while buyers' bids for the 50 cent shares of the Bond Corporation plunged on the Perth exchange yesterday from 10 cents to half a cent, although no shares were on offer. In the last trading of Bond shares on Tuesday they changed hands at 12 cents.

The Western Australian state Premier, Sir Charles Court, said that his government had no intention of aiding the two companies.

Bond, a flamboyant figure reputed to be one of Australia's richest men, was born in Perivale, London, and came to Australia at the age of 15. He began as a signwriter and bought his first plot near Perth with money given to him by his family.

His main brainchild is a vast seaside housing and holiday resort, Yanchep Sun City, about 75 miles north of Perth, where he built a harbour and marina. Southern Cross is berthed there.

The Bond Corporation also owns land north of Perth and near Melbourne.

Glendevon Investment Trust Limited

	1974	1973
Asset value per share	61½p	124½p
Asset value per share assuming exercise of all subscription rights	65p	122½p
Total assets	£12,445,108	£18,586,800
Revenue available for ordinary shareholders	£ 212,202	£ 176,027
Ordinary dividend per share	2.10p	2.10p
Capitalisation issue in B ordinary shares	3.44103%	1.7063%

Mr. J.A. Lumsden covered the following points in his review of the year to 31st July 1974 posted to shareholders on 17th October 1974.

RESULTS

Gross revenue increased from £873,000 to £920,000 entirely on account of increased deposit interest. In spite of a reduction in the UK portfolio, franked investment income was maintained. On the capital side the decrease in asset value reflects the unprecedented falls in stock market values throughout the world.

PORTFOLIO

The percentage of equities invested in the UK fell from 42.6 to 34.8, the USA percentage increased from 16.1 to 25.2, and the percentage in Japan and Asia decreased from 22.5 to 15.9, ignoring the premium. To a considerable extent these changes reflect the greater fall in the UK market as compared with other areas, but they also indicate a significant transfer from the UK and Asia to the USA. At the present time approximately 56% of total assets are in cash or equivalent and total equities are approximately equal to net assets.

OUTLOOK

Stock markets in every country continue to fall. In these conditions good and bad stocks fall alike. There can be no doubt that many blue chip stocks are now giving yields which should make them much more attractive than gifts in an era of inflation, but so long as there is an expectation that prices may fall even lower no buyer ventures forth.

Inflation remains the biggest danger throughout the world, and the problems flowing from it have led to a marked recession in most countries. It is essential that it be tackled resolutely by Governments, and that every effort should be made to achieve the maximum international co-operation to this end, so that policies to curb inflation may be pursued without drawing the whole world into a calamitous depression.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 11th November 1974 at 2.30 p.m. at 175 West George Street, Glasgow G2 2LD.

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THE BANKERS' DINNER

Britain suffering from a hangover of over-indulgence in easy money

Extracts from some of the speeches delivered last night at the Lord Mayor's Banquet for bankers and merchants of the City of London

Mr Denis Healey
Chancellor of the Exchequer

The imminence of my autumn Budget makes this year's speech especially difficult—but perhaps less dangerous. For I know you will appreciate that I cannot trespass on areas which might be held to anticipate my *Budget* judgment; I am sure the Governor and others will not hesitate to draw my attention to some of the factors of which I *must then* take account.

I therefore propose to start on a different note by paying tribute to the way in which, during the *difficult* circumstances of the last 12 months, the institutions of the City have not only continued to make their unique contribution to our prosperity, but have *risen* to meet the challenge of new responsibilities.

At the time of my March Budget, I announced that on behalf of the Government the clearing banks had arranged an unprecedented 2.5 billion dollar facility to help in financing the oil deficit; my special thanks are due to everyone who was involved in this smooth and efficient transaction. Many are here tonight.

The loan has so far remained untouched. And I have no immediate need to employ it. *But under the conditions of the* agreement, drawings must begin now if I wish to be able to take up the whole loan. Since the terms you negotiated in March are even more attractive in current conditions, I am proposing to begin to draw it now.

Praise is also due for the *unobtrusive but effective way* in which the City has eased the strains which in recent months have affected a number of financial institutions.

Thanks to your efforts we have survived these strains a good deal better than some of our competitors. Indeed, the collective skill and responsibility you have shown in this regard under the discreet but powerful leadership of Mr Governor has been an important factor in the strength of sterling throughout this present year.

This does not mean *I* can approve of all the activities which have contributed to the strains you have so successfully *accommodated*. We *in Britain* have been suffering this year from something of a hangover after our earlier over-indulgence *in* the frothy *brew* of competition for easy money. The experience will not have been *without* its value if its lessons have now been thoroughly digested.

At the heart of the international problem, of course, lies the increase in oil prices. Estimates now indicate that, as a result of this the oil producers will this year earn some 70 billion dollars or so more than they can spend on goods and services from the consumer countries.

The implications of this hard and inescapable fact were at the core of the discussions in the annual meetings of the IMF and IBRD held earlier this month in Washington. At these and other meetings with my international colleagues, I have stressed that readjustment to such a transfer of financial resources necessarily imposes a number of obligations on the international community as a *whole*; four such obligations seem to me to be crucial.

First, an obligation on the oil consuming nations to live with very substantial payments deficits on oil account for the time being. Second, an obligation on all developed countries to ensure that the massive problems of the less developed are not exacerbated by deficient demand for their products; third, an obligation on those countries which have underlying deficits on their non-oil trade to work towards balance; and fourth, an obligation on surplus countries to enable them to do so.

The second *dominant theme* in the discussions in Washington was the problem of recycling surplus oil funds. We have to design machinery to ensure that the so-called petro-dollars are distributed in such a way that they match the needs of the oil consuming countries who are in deficit.

Any wholly new mechanism takes a long time to establish, so it seems sensible to build on what we *already have*. It was for this reason that I made my proposal in Washington for a new IMF facility developed in stages as *funds accrue to the* producers, and as the parallel needs of consumers grow.

I have not put this forward as a complete answer to the recycling problem, but I hope it will make a contribution. It has already received widespread support.

Forty years ago, at a time when the United States faced problems far more formidable than those we face today, its greatest leader of the Twentieth Century said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

The problems confronting Britain now are formidable enough without the apocalyptic exaggerations all too popular in recent weeks.

Our recent record on economic growth has been less impressive than our achievement on the balance of payments. But, although some sectors are still suffering from capacity constraints, industrial production has now recovered *to the level of last* autumn.

What is disturbing is that not only in the United Kingdom, where two months of three-day working produced a substantial fall in output, but in the OECD countries as a whole, real output also fell in the first half of this year. It is now recovering.

But, as the oil producers' petro-dollar surplus now builds up, the contraction of world demand caused by their inability to spend their earnings will be added to the contraction in demand already brought about by tighter monetary and fiscal policies among the consumer countries. It is in this conjunction that the risk of a slump resides.

I know there are some theorists who believe that the only way of curing inflation is to adopt economic policies which would mean, for us in Britain, unemployment in the low millions for three or four years. But, apart from its moral unacceptability, I believe that our political and economic system could not survive the social strains imposed by mass unemployment on that scale and *duration*.

Whether in theory such mass unemployment would bring the rate of inflation down is *therefore scarcely relevant*. But what all recent experience has shown is that unemployment at a level which a free society can tolerate is not a cure for inflation. Indeed, it is more likely to make inflation worse—not only because it increases unit costs but also because it is liable to lead to higher wage demands as the trade unions seek to provide their members with a cushion against the risk of unemployment.

I would hope we learnt that lesson three or four years ago. *Moreover, I simply* cannot understand how it can make economic sense to dole out some £900m a year in unemployment pay, redundancy pay and supplementary benefit to keep a million active men and women idle when the nation needs the goods they could produce as much as they want to produce them.

Providing we contrive to prevent overall demand—foreign as well as domestic—from outstripping the growth in *our* productive capacity, our ability to control inflation will depend on *ensuring that the general level* of pay settlements does not rise above what is needed to cover increases in the cost of living and no less important, on reducing to the minimum the disruption of production and delivery dates caused by the use of industrial stoppages as an instrument of bargaining.

For both these purposes, if I may quote a most distinguished civil servant who has recently joined your ranks: "A voluntary policy is the only way, even if it takes years to achieve it."

The trade unions are no more perfect than any other section of society. But you would not have thanked me, my Lord Mayor, *if I had opened my* remarks not by dwelling on the City's great service to the nation, but by listing all the examples I can *remember* of shortcomings in its ranks and treating them as typical of your institutions as a whole.

I hope I can count on a similar readiness on the part of those assembled here to look objectively at the immense service the trade union movement performs for the nation, and at the wisdom and courage its leaders have shown, above all in recent months. I hope, too, that some leader of the CBI will respond in kind to the impressive appeal made both to workers and employers by Mr Jack Jones this afternoon.

Hope of continuing recent monetary trends

Mr Gordon Richardson
Governor of the Bank of England

Inflation—and the complex causes from which it springs—is at the heart of our problems: its disruptive force is, I am sure, greater than, even yet, many realize. You, Mr Chancellor, have emphasized the role of the social contract. It has its evident frailties, but it is in all our interests that it works as effectively as possible.

The share of profits in the national income has been declining for many years and (excluding stock appreciation) is probably now as low as in the Great Depression of the early 30s. Industry has had to borrow heavily; and since the capital market has not been available this has had to come from the banks.

I hardly need say there is no question of the banks having failed industry in this respect, nor of their being unable or unwilling to continue lending on a substantial scale.

The position is, however, now being reached where many managements feel that, with the present outlook, they cannot prudently add further to their debt. Instead, companies are being forced to save money in any way they can, including notably the postponement of investments essential to their future, and the future of all of us.

The gravity of this development has been emphasized by some of the most efficient firms in the country—and would be even better understood if some form of *inflation* accounting were more widely adopted.

It is not my intention to dramatize the immediate situation; but if it were allowed to continue, the consequences could spread progressively; and would be all the more serious for our being so unfamiliar with them.

This leads me to suggest that the first question for employment prospects may now be, not *(as in most post-war years)* should we or should we not stimulate consumer demand; but how do we safeguard British industry, and with it the jobs it provides.

The basic fact is that inflation has hit companies particularly hard: the price of the materials which industry uses has risen much faster than the general price level.

In the two years up to the *middle of this year, industry* must have had to find £6,000m to finance stock appreciation. To meet this, and to pay tax on the notional profits thrown up in this process, industry had had to *borrow on an unprecedented* scale. This does, I think, indicate something about the size of the problem, and the point *where it is most acute*.

It would now be right for me to say a little about the rôle of monetary policy. Over the past year we have had two objectives: first, to lower the rate of monetary expansion to keep this arm of policy in line with counter-inflation policy generally; and second, to maintain the attractiveness of sterling internationally, and so help to finance the external deficit.

We have had to work through periods of some tension, in conditions of some novelty; but broadly our objectives were achieved. *We have had* to maintain a level of interest rates onerous both for industry and for the housing and property *fields*. But we have allowed rates to come down a little in so far as this was consistent with our overriding objectives.

In the year ahead, I would hope to be able to avoid large divergences from recent monetary trends. How difficult this will prove may however depend in part on what steps prove possible to relieve firms' financial difficulties; and in part on the public borrowing requirement, *which will be easier to* finance if inflation is seen to be slowing down.

HIGHLANDS & LOWLANDS
PARA RUBBER COMPANY LIMITED

1974 Interim Dividend and Statement

The Board have declared an interim dividend for 1974 of 0.48475p per 10p share payable to members, which with the tax credit totals 0.72351p per 10p share.

Allowing for the capitalisation issue of 2 for 1, this compares with an equivalent of 0.5833p gross per 10p share in 1973.

The interim dividend will be paid on the 6th January 1975 to members on the register on 9th December 1974.

CROPS 9 months to September	1974	1973	NET REALISED PRICES 7 months to July	1974	1973
Rubber	11,483,489	11,346,095 kilos	Rubber	36p	21p per kilo
Palm Oil	34,110	28,485 tons	Palm Oil	£186	£82 per ton
Palm *Kernels*	7,720	6,523 *tons*	Palm *Kernels*	£153	*£52 per ton*
Copra	1,389	1,381 tons	Copra	£242	£101 per ton
Cocoa	239	115 tons	Cocoa	£602	£270 per ton

PROFIT

Estimated pre-tax profits for the first 7 months

1974	1973
£4,130,000	£1,335,000

The current price of rubber is lower than during the January to July period. The prices of the other crops continue to be satisfactory.

At current high prices of palm oil substantially higher export duty will reduce profitability.

The rate of improvement in profit has now slowed up, compared with the first seven months of 1974. It is not anticipated the final profit will increase pro rata.

PLANTATION HOUSE,
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THOMAS BARLOW & BRO.
Secretaries

17th October, 1974

Gerrard & National
DISCOUNT COMPANY LIMITED

Interim Statement

The Directors have decided to pay an interim dividend of 2.8475p per share (equivalent to 17% gross) on the issued Ordinary share capital, which compares with 2.625p per share (equivalent to 15% gross) last year. This dividend will be paid on 6 December, 1974, to members on the Register at the *close of business on 8 November, 1974*. Transfer books will be closed for one day on 11 November, 1974.

Trading in the first six months to 5 October, 1974, was extremely successful in the favourable market conditions which prevailed throughout the period. Despite the grave economic difficulties facing the country, these trading conditions continue for the present. We view the future with confidence and have therefore felt justified in increasing the interim dividend.

In my annual statement of 5 June, 1974, I indicated my intention to retire from the Board during the current year. I have now decided to carry out this decision on 31 December, 1974. The Board have elected Mr R. G. Gibbs to succeed me as Chairman, and Mr. D. B. Money-Coutts will continue as Deputy Chairman.

At the request of the Board I will become a Consultant to the Company from the date of my retirement, and will continue to take a great interest in its activities.

K. H. Whitaker,
Chairman.

17 *October*, 1974.

Investment tax cut needed to help sick stock market

Mr George Loveday,
Chairman of the Stock Exchange

The stock market is very sick and we must appeal for help. Last year I appealed to the Chancellor to reduce the taxes on investment in securities.

We had then just had VAT added to *1* per cent *stamp* duty. We now have duty of 2 per cent, although I must thank Mr Healey for listening to our plea to put the rate back to 1 per cent for the overseas investor.

I would now ask him to abolish it altogether, at least for the overseas investor, whom we sorely need.

The stock market, as measured by the *FT* ordinary share index had reached an all-time high point of 543.6 on May 16, 1972, and had remained well above 450 for the rest of that year. The first sharp break came in January 1973 when Phase One of the Prices and Incomes policy was announced and the index fell during that *month* by about 50 points.

With the fall in the market came the first of the fringe banking debacles which *had in* them the seed of the collapse of the whole banking system in the United Kingdom.

Where, gentlemen, are we now? The oil deficit which we thought last year would be £400m at worst, now appears to be about £2,500m.

We had a General Election in February and a new Government whose policies, initially, gave priority to their social objectives, and to do so paid too little regard to the needs of business.

The market's commentary on these policies is a matter of record. After a brief period of relative stability during the three-day week, the index has *plunged and plunged*.

When it fell to 200 the TUC and others accused us of panic-mongering and deliberate sabotage. The market responded by falling yet further.

Then, in September, a fresh Election was called and suddenly the stock market's message of the past 18 months became the opening paragraph of every party's manifesto. The needs of industry and the community suddenly became identical.

Finally, we in the City must play our part in explaining, not only to our political masters, but also to their masters, the people of this country, that the well-being of the City of London is vital to their own well-being.

Mr Paul Dixey, Chairman of Lloyd's, said: When our efforts in some other forms of commerce are criticized and condemned at home and abroad you have been able to speak of bigger and better achievements on the invisible account. I am sure my Lord Mayor that, as a Member of Lloyd's yourself, you took particular pleasure in the announcement during your Mayoralty of the highest profits in the history of Lloyd's—profits earned very largely from abroad—and, unlike the profits of many other industries, earned without importing any raw materials. The earnings of the rest of the City, like those of Lloyd's are largely a net contribution and therefore all the more valuable.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Canning faced with deteriorating position after bright six months

By David Mott

A better-than-expected interim result, but a picture of deteriorating profits, liquidity and margins emerges from W. Canning, the Birmingham electrical and mechanical engineers.

Because of the shorter working week rather lower profits had been expected in the half year to June 30. But in the event the pre-tax turned out to be £24,000 higher, at £525,000, from a turnover expanded from £8.48m to £9.33m. Earnings a share were 2.3p, against 2.6p, and the dividend is up from 0.62p to 0.66p.

But since the half-year stage the group's position has worsened. The directors state that the flow of incoming orders, both from the United Kingdom and abroad, continued at a satisfactory level during the third quarter, but some decline has been noticeable during October.

Margins are likely to continue to deteriorate rather than improve while the system of price control is in operation, and it is unlikely that full-year profits will reach the £1.3m of 1973. In particular, the group pinpoints the continuing increase in the non-recoverable element of wages and expenses as causing concern.

On liquidity the picture is little better with a reversal of the position which obtained at the beginning of the year. Because of the escalating cost of materials, investment in stock has increased substantially and to a greater extent than can be financed by the cash flow from profits.

As a result the company is now operating on a "substantial" overdraft, though within the limits agreed with its bankers.

Sales leap at Coates

At the last annual meeting *of Coates Brothers*, the printing ink group, the chairman stressed the increasing importance of the group's overseas interests and in the half year to June 30 both sales and profits from these sources are said to show bigger increases than those at home.

For the whole of 1973 sales rose 29.6 per cent to £38.5m, while in the half year these are returned at £25m showing a *rise of 50 per cent* from £16.8m. Taxable profits, which were returned at a peak of £6.2m for full year against the previous year's £4.32m, showed a gain of 59.3 per cent from £2.75m to £4.39m.

The interim dividend is being raised from 0.39p to 0.85p but the board emphasize that the higher payment does not not imply an increase in the full year's total payment.

Tighter margins fail to curb Highland Dist

Although *it has* been operating on reduced margins, because of increased costs, particularly barley and fuel, Highland Distilleries has again achieved a record result for 1973-74. Taxable profits have advanced from £2.26m to £2.68m on turnover up from £7.35m, to £10.8m. The bulk of this growth came in the first half, when pre-tax profits went ahead from £987,000 to £1.14m, on sales of £4.73m, *against 3.74m*.

In the second half, profits managed a rise of 19.5 per cent to £1.53m. All sides of the business have increased satisfactorily.

Pre-tax profits this year included investment income of £302,000, against £325,000 a year ago, and a release of £30,000 from the development grants reserve (no release was made last year).

Earnings a share are down from 10.8p to 10.5p. On net profits down from £1.37m to £1.34m, the board is raising the dividend from 6.71p to 7.03p gross.

At half time, the board said that sales of all new whiskies, matured and cased, had all increased with mature whiskies providing the main source of the rise in profits.

RIVOLI CINEMAS

Taxable profits for 1973-74, £53,000 (£39,000). Dividend is 40.8 per cent (39 per cent) gross. Board believes company is a "Close Company".

GILGATE HOLDINGS

Profit before interest and tax for year to June 30, £66,000 (£126,000); loss after both, £35,000 (profit, £57,000). No dividend (1.05p).

Beef subsidy unfair to poultry, says Eastwood

Shares of J. B. Eastwood, the big poultry and egg producer fell four points to 35p yesterday after Mr John Eastwood, chairman, said first-half profits would be substantially down and that in spite of a revival over the final six months the overall return would still be less than last year's record £6m pre-tax.

"It is a very volatile situation", he said after the annual meeting. Earlier he had told shareholders the poultry industry was suffering from government policies. Although he recognized the problems of beef producers the chairman said the policy of subsidizing beef by up to 7p a lb against poultry was not equitable or in the national interest.

He hoped the new government would rectify this situation by treating all meats equally. The company was still operating within the limits of its bank overdraft which had not come down from the £8.3m shown in the accounts.

He told shareholders that the final dividend of 2.87p announced for last year would now probably be paid in the middle of January. It was announced *in August*, but payment deferred because of the uncertain trading conditions.

The poor first leg is not unexpected. Having spent £5m on new facilities Eastwood was forced to cut back production because of market conditions. The consequent squeeze on margins left the company talking of doing no more than breaking even in the half when it announced its last results.

F. Lilley looks for a peak outturn of £1.5m

F. J. C. Lilley, the civil engineers and public works contractors, increased its interim profits by 69 per cent to £754,000, and the board is also looking for a record result for the full year. The interim level of trading has been maintained in the second half, and Mr James Aitken, the chairman, says that profits for the full year should be more than £1.5m, against last year's record £1.05m.

Meanwhile, turover has advanced from £6.93m to £9.87m. The pre-tax figures are arrived at after charging interest of £86,000, against £74,000. Net *profits are up from* £235,000 to £374,000, enabling the board to increase the dividend from 0.87p to 1p. Net earnings a share rose from 3.32p to 5.27p

Selincourt costs bite

With the exception of its French subsidiary, which made losses, all parts of Selincourt, makers of garments and textiles, traded satisfactorily in the six months to July 31, which included the three-day week.

But higher interest charges and operating costs took their toll with the result that profits dipped 21 per cent to £718,000 pre-tax even though turnover rose from £14.2m to £16.3m.

The "healthy" state of the order book indicates that the increased rate of turnover will be maintained but for the future *the group takes a cautious view* of quiet optimism. It is hoped the French subsidiary will return to profitability next year.

The dividend goes up from 0.47p to 0.52p.

Francis Industries

The board of Francis Industries will not make a firm forecast for this year, but they are confident that profits will match *the £710,000* pre-tax earned in 1973.

In the first half sales rose from £6.45m to £9.11m and *profits* by 39 per cent to £310,000. Earnings were 2.5p (2p) a share and the dividend goes up from 1.05p to 1.18p.

Gerrard & National

Gerrard & National Discount came through the two years 1972-1974 in relatively good shape, and for the first half of the current year to October 5 the board say the group was *successful in favourable market* conditions. In spite of the economic difficulties facing the country *they* view *the future* with confidence. The interim dividend is up from 3.75p to 4.25p. The total payment last year was 16.53p.

S. Simpson

Although turnover of S. Simpson (tailors and clothiers) has increased from £10.9m to £12.6m, taxable profits for 1973-74 are nearly halved to £474,000. Attributable profits are down from £487,000 to £240,000 be*fore extraordinary* items of £37,000 (nil), and the dividend of the "close" company is limited to 3.91p, against 4.58p. Earnings a share come out at 3.65p, against 7.54c.

Kent-Brown Boveri

In a further letter to shareholders Mr John Vaughan, chairman of George Kent, says the board believes that Brown *Boveri's improved* terms offer shareholders an "outstanding opportunity" to invest in the combined strengths of the two companies. *This combination* could transform shareholders' return.

The BB proposals are also in the best interests of the *Kent* business and its employees. The Government, with 24 per cent of the equity, is still considering the terms and until its position is made clear no action should be taken on the rival offer from GEC.

Wall Street

New York, Oct 17.—Stocks *moved moderately higher early to*day with selected issues responding to corporate news. At noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 5.16 up at 647.45.

*Yesterday the Dow Jones in*dustrial average declined 16.11 to 642.29 after a loss of 15.10 points on Tuesday. It had soared about 100 points in six sessions before selling began to appear on Monday.

Volume totalled 14,790,000 shares compared with 17,060,000 on Tuesday.

NY silver weakens

New York, Oct 16.—SILVER futures gave way to increased selling sparked by the collapse of Soyabeans in Chicago. Prices weakened 14.50 to 12.80 cents across the board and were mostly at the lows by the end of trading, particularly when Chicago silver slumped to its lower limit. Oct, 455.20c; Nov, 456.20c; Dec, 460.00c; Jan, 462.20c; March, 468.70c; May, 475.20c; July, 481.10c; Sept, 487.10c; Dec, 495.90c; Jan, 498.60c.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 270 and 280 points down on 1,453 lots. Oct, 61.20c; Nov, 61.50c; Dec, 62.10c; Jan, 62.80c; March, 64.00c; May, 65.00c; July, 66.00c; Sept, 67.00c.

COTTON futures ended a quiet session with losses of about 0.60 cents on commission house selling. Dec, 46.00-10c; March, 47.50-60c; May, 48.60-70c; July, 49.65-70c; Oct, 51.85-60c; Dec, 52.50-55c; March, 53.00c bid.

SUGAR. *Futures in No. 11 contract* soared to record highs for the second day in a row leaving in its wake 403 unsatisfied buy orders at the limit advance of one cent. Jan, 40.71c; March, 39.61c; May, 37.59c; July, 35.42c; Sept, 33.05c; Oct, 31.75c; *March*, 27.50c (all bid). *Spot*: 4.000 up 100.

COCOA futures closed with losses extending to 0.05 cents of the limit of 4.00 cents. Oct, 89.20c; Dec, 86.20c; March, 77.85c; May, 71.40c; July, 67.45c; Sept, 64.10c; Dec, 60.20c; *March*, 58.20c. Spots: Ghana 116¾, nominal, Bahia 101¼.

COFFEE futures in 'C' contract closed around the day's lows, 0.20 to 0.75 cents lower. Nov, 60.00c; Dec, 59.30-5c; March, 59.10-15c; May, 59.20c; July, 59.30-60c; Sept, 60.40/50c.

WOOL. CROSSBRED. Spot 725c nominal. Dec, 72.0-9.0c; March, 72.0-6.0c; May, 72.0c bid; July, 68.0c bid; Oct, 65.5c bid; Dec, 66.0c bid; GREASE WOOL. Spot 1300c nominal. Dec, 133.5-4.5c; March, 133.5c; May, 130.5c bid; July, 128.5c bid; Oct, 130.5c bid; Dec, 131.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. The Soyabean complex finished with some limit losses in Soyabeans and Meal while Oil, trading with 1½ cent/lb limits, gave up 0.05 to 1.03 cents. Overall, Beans and Meal lost at least 15 cents a bushel *and $6 a ton respectively*. SOYABEANS. Nov, 848-½-½c asked; Jan, 866-⅜-64c; March, 880c; May, 887c; July, 890c; Aug, 885c; Sept, 851-52c; Nov, 790c; Jan, 793c. SOYABEAN OIL. Oct, 40.60c; Dec, 40.75c; 1975 Jan, 40.80c; Mar, 40.75c; May, 40.75c; July, 40.50c; Aug, 39.90-40.00c; Sept, 39.75c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Oct, $169.00; Dec, $181.00-$180.00; 1975 Jan, $185.50; Mar, $189.00; May, $192.00-192.50; July, $195.00; Aug, $198.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT closed easier, five to two cents lower. Dec, 611½-613c; March, 627-629c; May, 624-622c; July, 480c; Sept, 485c; Dec, 496c. MAIZE closed easier, one to three cents lower. Dec, 386-386¼c; March, 394-395c; May, 396½-397½c; July, 397-397½c; Sept, 378c; Dec, 346-347c; March, 352c nominal. OATS *closed easier, 2½ to 3½ cents lower*. Dec, 193c; March, 195½c; May, 198-198½c.

The Edinburgh Investment Trust Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1974 (unaudited)

	30 Sept. 1974	31 March 1974
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities, taking investments at market value and including, where applicable, the full London dollar premium	£40,196,000	£56,200,604
NET ASSET VALUE per £1 deferred stock after deducting prior charges at market value amounting to £3,633,000 (31 March 1974 £4,055,000)	132p	188½p
25% of dollar premium (included above, but subject to surrender on sales)	5p	4½p
Geographical distribution of total assets		
UNITED KINGDOM EQUITIES	42.3%	50.2%
NORTH AMERICAN EQUITIES	29.8%	30.2%
OTHER OVERSEAS EQUITIES	12.8%	13.9%
NET CURRENT ASSETS	15.1%	5.7%
	100.00%	100.00%
	Half-Year ended 30 Sept. 1974	Half-Year ended 30 Sept. 1973
GROSS REVENUE	£1,435,324	£1,595,418

Notes

1. *Revenue for the half year to 30 September 1973* included U.K. dividends postponed from the previous financial year amounting to £190,000.

2. An interim dividend on the deferred stock of 2.2p net per £1 unit equal to 3.28358p gross which will absorb £609,840 net has been declared for payment on 23 October 1974 *to stockholders on the register on* 2 October 1974. (1973 — 3.21429p gross absorbing £623,700 net.)

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INANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

ock markets

ervous mood persists

he stock market had a dis- ed session yesterday in the e of grim trading news from ips' Lamps, the international trical goods manufacturer, reports that the Confedera- of British Industry intends tell the Government that ish industry is "trading at a ".

nancial shares saw a fresh of nervous selling, al- gh many share prices lied following a statement Slater Walker Securities, h stressed the group's ıg financial position.

the end of the day, the *FT* x was 2.4 down at 203.6, ng touched 202.5 earlier. At , *The Times* index showed t loss of 1.17 points. Turn- was lower than on Wednes- although a total of 6,395 ded bargains confirmed the market remains more e than in the weeks pre- ıg the General Election.

e day opened with some losses among the second- banking issues, as the City ed increasing fears for the me of the Jessel situation. est hit were Edward Bates, n to be trying to sell its ance subsidiary, Welfare ance, and Slater Walker rities.

ter Walker shares fell to during the morning, but d after a statement from chairman in which he ed out the financial posi- of the various sections of roup. Buyers then came in e shares, which ended the nchanged at 53p.

ermined sellers of E. Bates the shares down to 17p at me, and although the price d to 22p as the sector gthened behind Mr Slater's nent, they ended the day at net loss of 6p.

er dull spots on the cial pitches included ros Bank 5p off at 80p on Jessel connexion, and r Ullmann 3p lower at Discount house issues d lower following results Gerrard & National, finally wn at 205p.

the major lending banks ed only minor losses and ery little selling. Lloyds ipped 2p to 120p, and ays Bk 3p to 140p.

rance shares continued to ground while the City ed the outcome of the to solve the problems of the Jessel insurance side. But falls in **Royal Insurance** (154p) and **Legal & General** (68p) were small.

Industrial shares opened a shade lower, with the market prepared to face further profit-takers. But the announcement from Philips Lamp, at mid-morning, quickly drove prices lower. In the event, selling was not on any great scale, and most of the United Kingdom-based majors closed with losses of no more than a few pence.

But shares in **Philips Lamps** plunged to 490p as the jobbers warded off the sellers. Later, the shares steadied on some small bear closing, to end the day at 515p, a net loss of 70p.

Pye Holdings, controlled by Philips, also fell back, and there were losses for **Thorn "A"** (103p) and for **Decca** (112p). Among the electrical engineers, **Plessey** finished the day 1p off at 63p, not helped by profit-taking on the good first quarter figures.

But multi-national traders like **ICI** *(166p)*; **Beecham** *(137p)*, **Courtaulds** (72p), **Fisons** (177p), **Glaxo Holdings** (214p) and **Unilever** (168p) steadied when Wall Street opened firmer, and finished the session either unchanged or with minor losses.

Hawker Siddeley turned lower on reports of trade union concern regarding the shelving of the HS-146 project. **Vickers** (90p) were unsettled by labour disputes, but **Tube Investments** (178p) and **GKN** (148p) were steadying at the end of the session.

Consumer shares weakened with the market, the exception being **British Home Stores**, which benefited from higher sales for the first half. Food shares eased, with **JB Eastwood** lower on the profit warning. **FMC** at 67p looked for higher bid terms from the NFU.

Widespread losses in building shares largely reflected profit-taking in thin markets. Bid hopes brought **W. Crowther** back to life at 76p.

The gilts market was quiet. Prices eased, but selling was modest. "Shorts" opened 1/16 point lower, but were often ⅛ point down at the close. There were also falls in "longs", but the decline was not continuous and losses were limited to ⅛ point in "mediums" ¼ point in "longs" and ⅛ point in undated stocks.

Latest dividends

idends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

ny ar values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
f Montreal ($2)	24*	22*	—	—	90*
Walker (5p) Int	0.52	0.4	14/11	—	1.18
ıll Tst *(25p) Fin*	*1.3*	1.25	—	2.05	2.00
nning (25p) Int	0.66	0.62	30/11	—	3.56
Brothers (25p) Int	0.85	0.39	3/1	—	2.35
ental Oil ($5) Qly	28*	37½*	15/12	158*	152½*
Dawes (25p) Fin	5.22	5.0	2/1	7.83	7.5
Steels (25p) Fin	3.68	3.5	2/1	5.51	5.25
s Inds (25p) Int	1.18	1.05	2/12	—	3.15
d & Nat (25p) Int	4.25	3.75	6/12	—	16.53
n-Stuart (10p) Int	0.73	0.60	—	—	1.83
nd D'tilleries (20p) Fin	4.95	4.71	—	7.03	6.71
Low Rbbr (10p) Int	0.72	0.58†	6/1	—	1.28†
kel Qly	60*	45*	2/12	160*	120*
Lilley (25p) Int	1	0.87†	—	—	2.20†
nrt (5p) Int	0.52	0.47	6/12	—	0.97
pson (25p) Fin	1.96	2.71	—	3.91	4.58
Group (25p) Fin	1.9	1.79	3/1	2.74	2.62
de Ceylon (£1)	8.1	7.35	—	8.1	7.35
Ribbons (10p) Fin	1.49	1.5	2/1	2.6	2.5

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. J. Johnson, until recently ity chairman of the Pay is joining Dunlop as direc- administration.

R. G. Gibbs is to succeed H. Whitaker as chairman ard and National Discount the latter retires on ber 31.

D. R. B. Mynors becomes n of RFD Group in place C. A. C. de Boinville. Mr Giles joins the board.

Lindesay Clark, who has ished the chairmanship of n Mining Corporation, is led by Mr A. H. Parbo, emains managing director.

James Prior has been nted a director of The IDC

. H. C. Needler has been deputy chairman of Hover- Gravels.

Rafe Clutton has been ed to the board of City roperty Investment Trust.

P. W. Stone has become ng director of Bridgtown les and Intalok, subsidiary dies of Duport. Following appointments Mr W. B. is resumes his duities as of planning and admin- n of Duport engineering . He has also been ed a director of John . A new Duport subsidiary. Automotive Components ional, has been formed e following directors: Mr Russell, Mr F. R. Loader, Simpson, Mr G. Beacham, Ward and Mr B. R. Wright.

. W. Seabright has joined rd of MFI Warehouses.

Mr Ronnie Samson has been made director of Invicta Plastics toys and games and gifts and housewares divisions.

Mr F. Nattrass and Mr S. R. Earl have been appointed to the board of "W" Ribbons Holdings.

The following appointments have been made by Garringtons: Mr G. Onions to be deputy chairman and general manager; Mr H. B. Cartwright to be works director of the Bromsgrove division: Mr D. P. S. MacRae to be works director of the Darlaston division: Mr P. J. Young to be sales director.

Mr Dennis Collett has become chairman of London and Manchester Securities.

Mr R. Sellers joins the main board of British Vita.

Mr J. M. A. Hanbury-Williams joins Illingworth & Co, the Manchester stockbrokers, next month as a partner. Mr J. J. Cummins, Mr A. G. Dewhurst, Mr W. McCormack and Mr T. Tutton will also be joining as associate members.

Mr J. F. Chambers has been appointed director and secretary of Telcon Metals.

Mr Keith Stewart has joined the board of Bankart (Life and Pensions).

Captain C. T. Pitt has been appointed a director of Bowring Steamship. The following have been appointed directors of C. T. Bowring Computer Services: Mr E. T. Arbuckle, Mr D. Coakley, Mr P. G. Kimble, Mr A. C. Mitchell and Mr R. R. Whiley.

Mr C. J. Pearce has become managing director of the Berni Inns Group.

HEWDEN-STUART PLANT
LIMITED

INTERIM RESULTS 1974

	Half year to 28 July, 1974	27 July, 1973	Year to 27 Jan., 1974
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Trading Profit	3,197	2,664	5,451
Depreciation	1,459	1,332	2,526
Profits	1,277	1,032	2,255
Gross earnings per share	7.06p	5.7p	12.5p

EXTRACTS FROM CHAIRMAN'S LETTER:

"The second half has started well".

"The ultimate outcome for the year will depend on the extent to which increased costs can be controlled or recouped".

"Cash flow is running at an annual rate of around £6m (or over 30p per share)"—"Your Group has established financial flexibility at a time when liquidity is of paramount importance".

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H & L Rubber surges to £4.1m

Back in July, Mr T. B. Barlow, chairman of Highlands & Lowlands Para Rubber, detailing crops harvested for the first half of 1974, gave the news that its natural rubber crop had sold at higher prices so that profits from this sector should be good. In the event, he was unduly cautious in that estimated taxable profits for the first seven months have been boosted to a group best-ever of £4.1m—a threefold increase from the £1.3m produced in the comparable period—and easily outstripping the group's previous full year record of £1.77m established in 1971. The interim dividend is being raised from equal to 0.58p to 0.72p.

Meanwhile the board says the current price of rubber is lower than in the seven-month period but the prices of other crops continue to be satisfactory. The rate of profit improvement has now slowed however and it is not expected the final profit will increase pro rata.

Fair start at Harmo Inds

After six months' trading, Harmo Industries shows another rise in pre-tax profits, this time from £575,000 to £625,000. This has been achieved on turnover up from £3.76m to £4.43m. At the net level, profits are down from £316,000 to £300,000. Shareholders will receive a dividend of 0.78p, against 0.75p, and the option of taking shares instead of cash.

Over the whole of last year, taxable profits reached a further peak of £1.21m, against £1.1m.

'W' Ribbons up 67 pc

In spite of a loss of £57,000 *from associates "W" Ribbons* Holdings managed to boost taxable profits 67 per cent to £430,000 last term.

This maker of nylon and polyester webbings says the main operating company had a very good year with buoyant demand. But there was a loss at the German Autoliv associate and it is hoped to bring this company to a break-even point by the end of the year.

The company has moved away from sales to the motor industry, which have been under pressure, and in the current first quarter 65 per cent of sales from the United Kingdom have been outside the motor trade.

Slump at Stylo

Out of sales improved from £5.5m to £5.7m pre-tax profit of Stylo Shoes slumped from £293,000 to £76,000 in the half to August 3. The profit is struck after interest of £91,500 (£90,000) and bank interest up from £69,000 to £101,000.

Jones, Stroud-Cash

After a poor response to its offer of £1 a share cash for the 64.7 per cent of the equity of J. & J. Cash not already owned, the board of Jones Stroud (Holdings) is now offering 150p a share cash. This offer remains open until

Irwin stops trading

London stockbrokers Irwin & Co will stop trading from November 8 as four of its partners join Robert Wigram & Co and three Raphael, Robinson & Glyn. Any outstanding obligations of Irwin will be settled by G. le M. Croll from the company's offices at the Stock Exchange.

Malayalam drops

Profits of Malayalam Planta*tions in the United Kingdom* dropped from £305,500 to £78,000 in 1973-74, but net profits in India rose from R3.70m to R3.77m on turnover of R97.6m, against R92.6m. The dividend is cut from 1.5p to 1.21p.

Best year for Slimma group

A strong second half by Slimma Group, formerly Emu Wool Industries, has helped the group to achieve peak profits and turnover in the year to June 30.

Following a 31 per cent rise from £274,000 to £360,000 in the first half, the second leg went ahead by 38 per cent from £334,000 to £463,000. This pushed the full year's profit at *the pretax level* up from £608,000 to £823,000. Turnover rose from £7.6m to £9.5m and the full year's dividend is raised from 2.62p to 2.74p with a final payment of 1.9p. Profits attributable were £358,000 against £288,000 and earnings a share 8.16p against 6.81p.

Issues & Loans

ECGD back Israel's loan

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed a £3m line of credit which N. M. Rothschild has arranged with Otsar La'Taasiya Ltd, Israel.

Repayment of the loan will be over a period of three to five years depending on the individual value of the contract.

Britain is providing loan finance of over £1m to Egypt for the purchase of equipment in Britain for transmission and distribution of electric power to Kom Hamada in the Nile Delta.

A consortium of banks led by Bank of America NT and SA, San Francisco has agreed to lend $45m to the Brazilian National Railways.

The Export-Import Bank of the United States will lend half the $45m total and the consortium led by Bank of America will lend the other half.

Briefly

LUBOK-PARK YORKS
Formal document on offer by Lubok sent out. Lubok offering for up to 1.18 million shares at 11.5p cash each.

BEN BAILEY CONSTN
Dividend for 1973-74 up from 0.69p net to 0.77p net. Turnover is £2.4m (£1.89m). Attributable profits £196,000 (£223,000). Earnings a share, 3.75p (4.26p).

EDINBURGH INV
Gross revenue for half year, £1.43m (£1.59m). Net asset value, 132p (188½p).

SCOTTISH MORTGAGE & TRUST
Gross revenue for half year, £2.22m (£2.03m). Taxable revenue is £1.72m (£1.54m). Net asset value a share, 64p (126p).

ROOT HARVESTERS
Turnover for seven months, £1.63m (£959,000). Net profits, £56,000 (£29,000). Interim dividend, 0.67p (0.52p).

NELSON DAVID
Mr M. David, has purchased a further 12,000 shares in company. Total holdings of himself and wife is 683,260 shares (12.02 per cent).

SEDDON DIESEL VEHICLES
Quotation for 6 per cent preference shares has been cancelled because an adequate market cannot now be maintained.

SPENCER, TURNER & BOLDERO
Turnover for half year, £2.42m (£2.25m). Taxable profit, £86,000 (£87,000). Company is subsidiary of Anglo-African Finance.

YORKGREEN INV TRUST
Dividend for 1973-74, up from 0.4p to 0.55p. Taxable profit, £52,500 (£20,000 for 10 months). Net assets a share, 12.9p (28.8p). Earnings a share, 0.69p (0.35p).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8¾ 1988	75	77
American Motors 9 1989	80	82
Anglo-American 7½ 1987	60	63
Ashland 8 1987	79	80
Austraswiss 8 1987	79¼	80¼
BICC 7¾ 1987	58	61
B'arbell 7¾ 1987	68	72
Bristol 8¼ 1979	84	85
Brit Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	75	78
Burlington 7¾ 1987	77	78
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	58	61
Carrier 8 1987	78½	79½
Colombia 8¼ 1988	85	87
Cons Food 7½ 1991	76	77
Copenhagen County Auth 7¾ 1987	76	77½
Coventry 8⅞ 1981	85	87
Coventry 8¼ 1980	82	84
Curacao Tokyo 8⅞ 1988	87¼	88¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	79¼	80¼
Dana 8 1987	78	79
Denmark Kingdom 7½ 1990	75¾	76¾
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	72	73
Dundee 9¼ 1983	85	87
Escom 9¼ 1989	83	85
EIB 8¾ 1988	83	83
Eurofima 8½ 1989	82	84
First Chicago 7 1980	90½	91½
First Pennsylvania 7⅝ 1984	72	75
Fisons 8¼ 1987	69	72
GATX 8¼ 1987	78½	79½
General Cables 8¼ 1987	74	76
Guardian Royal 8 1987	70½	72½
GHH 7¾ 1988	72	73¼
Hambros 7¾ 1987	68	71
Hammersly 8 1987	70	72
Hilton 7¾ 1987	53	58
ICI 7½ 1992	65	68
International Util 8¼ 1982	88½	89½
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	69	72
Lancashire 9½ 1981	89	91
Legal & Gen Ass 7⅞ 1988	67	72
Manchester 8¼ 1981	82	84
Mexico 8¾ 1991	72	74
Michelin 7½ 1988	72	74
Mitsubishi 9 1989	90	92
Motorola 8 1987	81	82
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	68	71
National Coal Board 8⅞ 1988	75	78
Norges Komm 7½ 1990	77¼	78¼
N A Rockwell 7½ 1979	93¼	94¼
N A Rockwell 8¼ 1987	78	79
Nottingham 8⅞ 1979	85	87
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	78½	79½
Pennwalt 8 1987	78	79
Quebec Hydro 8½ 1989	85½	87
Quebec (Province) 7½ 1988	76½	77½
Queensland 8¼ 1987	79	80
Ralston 7½ 1987	80	81
RHM 8 1988	68	70
SAS 8 1987	78	79
Scanraff 7½ 1990	78½	79½
Scanraff 8⅞ 1988	86	87
Shell 7½ 1987	79	80
Singapore 7¾ 1987	70	—
Sinueh 8 1988	—	60
South Africa 8 1987	—	80
SIB 7½ 1987	78	79
Standard Oil 8½ 1980	97½	98½
Standard Oil 8¾ 1983	87½	88½
Standard Oil 8½ 1988	88¾	89¾
Sybron 8 1987	77¼	78¼
Tenneco 7½ 1979	88	89
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	73¼	74¼
Textron 7¾ 1987	73¾	74¾
Town & City 8 1988	—	60
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	82¼	83¼
Union Oil 7 1979	94	95
Union Oil 7½ 1987	80¾	81¾
UMT 8¾ 1988	60	63
Utah 7½ 1979	88¼	89¼
Utah 8 1987	77¾	78¾
Venezuela 8½ 1987	88½	90½
Volvo 8 1987	78	79
Wellcome 8¾ 1987	64	67
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	72	75
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	48	50
Alaska Int 6 1987	36	39
American Express 4¼ 1987	55	57
American Motors 6 1992	65	—
American Medical 5¼ 1992	30	32
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	62	64
Beatrice Foods 6¼ 1991	82	84
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	67	69
Borden 5 1992	68	70
Borden 6¾ 1991	81	83
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	52	54
Carnation 4 1987	53	55
Cummins 6¼ 1986	70	72
Damon 5¾ 1987	42	44
Dart 4¾ 1987	70	72
E Asia Navigation 6½ 1989	50	52
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	56	58
Eaton 5 1987	63	65
Ford 5 1988	62	64
Ford 6 1986	71	73
Fedders 5 1992	30	32
Gillette 4¾ 1987	60	62
Gould 5 1987	55	57
General Electric 4¼ 1987	66	68
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	98	100
Harris 5 1992	48	50
Honeywell 6 1986	60	62
Hongkong Land Com 7¾ 1988	68	70
ITT 4¾ 1987	52	54
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	59	61
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	95	97
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	92	94
Mohasco 5 1987	48	50
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	69	71
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	68	70
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	67	69
Revlon 4¾ 1987	65	67
Ramada 6¼ 1986	39	41
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	35	37
Sime Darby 5¾ 1988	42	44
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	65	67
Slater Walker 5¼ 1987	44	46
Southland 5 1987	50	52
Squibb 4¼ 1987	64	66
United Overseas Bank 6½ 1988	51	53
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1988	61	63
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	64	66
Xerox Corp 5 1988	67	69
NON-$ BONDS		
BASF (FF) 7½ 1987	62¼	64¼
Bass (FF) 7½ 1987	57	59
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7½ 1987	59	61
Brascan (DM) 8½ 1988	78	79
BLMC (FF) 7½ 1987	51	53
Charter (FF) 7½ 1987	51	53
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968-83	63¼	64¼
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969-84	95¼	96¼
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1989	62	65
Denmark (FF) 7¾ 1988	63¼	65¼
LIB (FF) 7¼ 1988	62	64
Escom (DM) 7 1973-88	79¾	80¾
Estel (DM) 7¾ 1988	76¼	77¼
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972-87	77½	78½
ICI (DM) 8 1971-86	76½	77½
Lafarge (FF) 7½ 1987	62½	63½
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	92¼	93¼
Occidental (DM) 6½ 1969-76	78¼	79¼
Sudafrica (DM) 8½ 1970-85	77	78
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7½ 1988	73½	74½
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1993	87¾	88¾
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8½ 1988	88¼	89¼

DM=Deutschmark issue. FF=French Franc issue.

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London

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Ordinary and 4½ per cent preference shares temporarily suspended at company's request pending publication of reorganization particulars.

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Copper prices at 17-month low

Copper led a general downturn on the London Metal Exchange yesterday with cash wire bars falling to a 17-month low of £590 (after £585) a tonne. This position finally showed a loss of £17.50 while three months was £17 down.

Overnight losses in US grain, silver and copper futures together with the recent cathode price reductions by some US producers undermined confidence.

Afternoon. — Cash wire bars, £589.00-91.00 a metric ton; three months, £609.00-10.00. Sales, 7,500 tons. Cash cathodes, £575.00-74.00; three months, £591.00-92.00. Sales, 500 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £585.00-86.00; three months, £605.00-7.00. Settlement, £586.00. Sales, 9,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £567.00-68.00; three months, £585.00-86.00. Settlement, £568.00. Sales, 125 tons. **SILVER** steadier at the close. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 191.9p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 447.9); three months, 196.5p (455.5c); six months, 201.5p (463.9c); one-year, 215.5p (481.4c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 193.6-3.7p; three months, 198-98.1p; seven months, 205.5-6.5p. Sales, 67 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 192.5-92.7p; three months, 196.5-96.7p; seven months, 203.5-4.5p. Settlement, 192.7p. Sales, 60 lots. **TIN** dropped £92.50 for cash metal and £62.50 for three months. Afternoon.—Standard cash, £2,970-80 a metric ton; three months, £2,990-3,000. Sales, 295 tons. High grade, three months, £3,010-30. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £2,970-80; three months, £2,985-90. Settlement, £2,980. Sales, 375 tons. High grade, three months, £3,000-20. *Sales, nil. Singapore tin was closed.*

LEAD eased £1.50 and £3.25 for cash and three months respectively. Afternoon.—Cash, £226-27.00 a metric ton; three months, £214-14.50. Sales, 1,000 tons. Morning.—Cash, £226-7.00; three months, £214-15.00. Settlement, £227.00. Sales, 2,700 tons. *ZINC lost £3 all round. Confirmation* that Japanese exporters were negotiating sales of zinc to overseas buyers and the downturn in copper were the main factors. Afternoon.—Cash, £336-38.00 a metric ton; three months, £358-39.00. Sales, 4,025 tons. Morning.—Cash, £337-38.00; three months, £350-40.00. *Settlement, £338.00. Sales, 4,925 tons.* Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial. **PLATINUM** fell by £1 yesterday to £72.50-£74.50 ($169-$174) a troy ounce. **RUBBER** slightly easier.—Nov, 27.00-27.80p per kilo: Dec, 27.50-28.30p; Jan-March, 28.60-28.75p; April-June, 29.60-29.65p; July-Sept, 30.20-30.25p; Oct-Dec, 30.50-30.60p; Jan-March, 30.90-30.95p; April-June, 31.30-31.40p; July-Sept, 31.65-31.75p. Sales, 56 lots (at 15 tons each). **PHYSICALS** dull.—Spot: 26.75-28.00p. *Cif's: Nov, 27.50-28.25p; Dec, 27.50-28.00p.* **WOOL**.—Greasy futures barely steady.—Dec, 155.0-59.0p per kilo; March, 160.5-62.0p; May, 162.5-63.0p; July, 163.0-63.5p; Oct, 164.5-65.0p; Dec, 165.0-65.5p; March, 165.5-66.5p. Sales, 10 lots. *JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Oct-Nov, £217.50 seller: Bangladesh white "D" grade, Oct/Nov, £207.50 seller a long ton.* **CALCUTTA** quiet.—Indian, Oct/Nov, Rs485.00; Dundee Daisee, Oct/Nov, Rs435.00 a bale of 400lb. **MEAT** (Smithfield).—**BEEF**: Scotch killed sides (ex KKCF), 25.6-28.0p per lb; English hindquarters (ex KKCF) heavy, 32.0-34.0p; forequarters heavy, 17.5-18.0p; Eire hindquarters (ex KKCF), 32.0-34.0p; forequarters, 16.0-18.0p. **VEAL**: English fats, 36.0p (special quotation); Scotch bobbies, 6.0-8.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 42.0-46.0p. **LAMB**: *English small,* 26.0-30.0p; medium, 24.0-28.9p; heavy, 20.0-24.0p; Scotch medium 24.0-28.0p; heavy, 20.0-24.0p; hill, 70.0p (special quotation) and 24.0-29.5p; imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 27.0-28.0p; 2's, 26.0-26.5p; 8's, 23.0-23.5p; YL's, 26.0-27.0p; YM's, 35.5p; 4's, 21.0-21.5p. *EWES*: 12.0-14.0p. **PORK**: English, under 100lb, 23.0-29.5p; 100-120lb, 24.0-29.0p; 120-160lb, 25.0-28.5p; 160-180lb, 23.0-27.0p; 180lb and over, 21.0-23.0p. **BACON**.—Current first-hand supplies had all or virtually all been cleared by mid-week, according to agents. At *yesterday's official settling of prices* for imported and Ulster sides, Irish Republican A's and Ulster A's and B's were all raised by £10 a long ton, to £725, £725 and £715 respectively. Danish sides continue at £750, top-grade Ulster and top-grade Irish Republican both at £735, and Swedish sides also at £736.

Total supplies for the week ending October 19 are estimated by the Ministry of Agriculture at 10,170 tons, compared with 10,310 tons for the previous week.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures closed £11.0 to £6.0 a tonne lower. Arabicas were 125 points higher in spot Oct, but *unchanged to 85 points lower elsewhere.*

Robustas.—Nov, £469.0-73.0 a long ton; Jan, £479.0-79.0; March, £471.5-72.0; May, £468.0-68.5; July, £466.0-67.0; Sept, £465.0-67.0; Nov, £465.0-68.0. Sales, 863 lots (including six options).

Arabicas.—Oct, $67.00-71.00 per 50 kilos; Dec, $65.00-66.00; Feb, $65.00-65.50; April, $66.00-65.50; June, $65.00-65.50; Aug, $65.00-66.00; Oct, $63.00-66.00. Sales, 15 lots.

COCOA closed from £8.00 (nearby Dec) to £17.50 a tonne lower.

Dec, £844.0-6.0 a metric ton; March, £757.0-8.0; May, *£685.0-7.0*; July, £655.0-8.0; Sept, £625.5-6.0. Sales, 4,306 lots (including one option). ICO prices, daily 80 2/8c a lb, 15-day average, 76.57c, 22-day, 74.51c.

SUGAR futures moved irregularly over a wide range during active afternoon trading, but the overall trend showed a recovery from yesterday morning's shakeout. At the close, all positions from May onwards were bid at limit-up, while on balance movements were between £10 lower to £1.75 higher. Light's second European beet sugar production estimate confirmed dealers' expectations that the EEC crop had suffered from disease and adverse weather. Total European production was estimated at 26,083,000 tonnes, against an earlier estimate of 26,444,000.

Dec, £412.00-4.00 a long ton; March, £403.50-4.25; May, £386.00-limit-up bid; Aug, £357.25-limit-up bid; *Oct, £336.00-limit-up bid; Dec,* £312.00-limit-up bid; March, £294.45-limit-up bid. Sales, 8,357 lots. ISA prices, 40.05c a lb, 17-day average, 36.95c.

GRAIN (THE BALTIC).—**WHEAT**.—US dark northern spring number two 14 per cent, Nov, £107.10; Dec, £109.50; *Jan-March, £114.30 trans-*shipment east coast; Nov, £105.85 direct shipment Tilbury sellers. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin **BARLEY** steady.—Nov, £62.25; Jan, £65.40; March, £68.05; May, £70.40. **WHEAT** steady.—Nov, £62.90; *Jan, £66.40; March,* £69.35; May, £71.65. All a long ton.

An EEC sugar deficit of 1,750,000 tons forecast

By John Woodland

A huge EEC sugar deficit of about 1,750,000 tons raw value is forecast for 1974-75 by Woodhouse, Drake and Carey in its latest market report. Even allowing for possible imports of 1.4m tons from the Commonwealth (a figure it considers doubtful), the EEC is faced with buying at least 350,000 tons and probably upwards of 500,000 tons on the world market.

With world consumption likely to exceed production by over 1m tons in 1974-75, it must be questioned whether *500,000* or even 350,000 tons of sugar are available for sale to the Community.

But, Woodhouse says, "given that sugar has a habit of appearing from the woodwork, the answer is probably yes—but not at today's price".

*With such a depressing out*look for output (F. O. Licht estimates European beet crop in 1974-75 at just over 26m metric tons, or a fall of 1m tons from *last season) it is heartening to* learn that Lonrho, the pan-African trading conglomerate, is actively engaged in boosting sugar production.

One of the largest independent sugar producers in Africa with mills in Swaziland, Malawi, and Mauritius as well as in *South Africa. Lonrho's* sugar output is currently around 260,000 tons and this is being expanded.

Feasibility studies, with the governments concerned, are being carried out in Sudan (possible 300,000 tons); in Dahomey (40,000 tons), and the Ivory Coast (up from the existing capacity of 40,000 tons to 100,000).

Certainly every ton of sugar *will be needed, not only over* the short term but in future years. With the growth in world population sugar consumption will continue to increase. Indeed, the Food and Agricultural Organization has forecast world demand in 1980 at between 94 and 96m tons compared with some 79m tons this year.

For Lonrho the group will benefit enormously from the current high prices for it is estimated that sugar contributes around 20 per cent of the group's earnings. And with prospects of still higher prices, at least over the medium term, prospects in this field are distinctly rosy.

Mining

Dividend soars at INCO

On the back of a buoyant earnings performance, the International *Nickel Company* of Canada is raising the dividend total for the year from $1.20 to $1.60 a share with a fourth quarterly payment of 35c and an extra dividend of 25c. Last year, the payments were 30c and 15c respectively.

Third quarter earnings rose from $58.6m to $78.4m, equivalent to an increase from 79c to $1.05 a share. But included this time are some $3.8m arising from a two months' contribution from the $228m purchase of battery producer ESB. The improvement came from the continuing increase in nickel and copper product deliveries, although higher costs and the impact of greater taxes in Ontario and Manitoba cut into earnings.

Earnings after nine months amounted to $232m ($151m) or $3.11 a common share ($2.03).

Andrew Wilson

Foreign Exchange

The dollar remained weak on foreign exchanges yesterday afternoon following the lifting of Switzerland's ban on non-residents' deposits earning interest.

Sterling rose initially to $2.3355 from an overnight of $2.3335, but fell back to close at $2.3330 down five points on the day.

Gold closed at $155, up $1 on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 17	Market rates (close) October 17
New York	$2.3320-3360	$2.3325-3335
Montreal	$2.2900-2940	$2.2905-2915
Amsterdam	6.17-20fl	6.18-19fl
Brussels	89.65-90.05f	89.70-90f
Copenhagen	14.00-06k	14.01-02k
Frankfurt	5.99½-6.02m	6.01-02m
Lisbon	59.00-50e	59.10-20e
Madrid	133.40-134.00p	133.50-70p
Milan	1,556-63lr	1,557½-60½lr
Oslo	12.86-92k	12.89½-90½k
Paris	11.03½-06½f	11.04½-05½f
Stockholm	10.14-22k	10.20½-21½k
Tokyo	695-705y	696-99y
Vienna	42.70-43.10sch	42.75-85sch
Zurich	6.74-77f	6.74½-75½f

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.50-.40c prem	1.75-1.65c prem
Montreal	.50-.40c prem	1.70-1.60c prem
Amsterdam	2¼-1¼c prem	6¼-5¼c prem
Brussels	20c prem-par	65-45c prem
Copenhagen	5-3½ore disc	16 prem-26 disc
Frankfurt	2-1pf prem	6½-5½pf prem
Lisbon	10c prem-50c disc	75c prem-100c disc
Milan	6-13lr disc	26-31lr disc
Oslo	11¼-9¼ore prem	27-24ore prem
Paris	Par-3c disc	4-7c disc
Stockholm	18 prem-10 disc	4-20 prem
Vienna	20-10gro prem	75-65gro prem
Zurich	2¼-1¼c prem	7¼-6¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $1.0180-83.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 9¾-9¼; seven days, 9½-10; one month, 10-10½; three months, 10¾-11¼; six months, 10¾-11¼.

Gold fixed: am, $154.50 (an ounce); pm, $155.00.

Krugerrand (per coin) $173¼-175¼ (£74.50-£75).

Sovereigns: (old) $53¼-55 (£23-£23.50), (new) $37¼-59 (£24.50-£25).

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
Midland Bank ..	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½%
20th Cent Bank	12 %
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.

● Demands deposits, £10,000 and over. 11½%

* 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10½% over £25,000 10¾%.

COMPANY MEETING

W. G. ALLEN & SONS (TIPTON)

The Sixty-fifth Annual General Meeting of W. G. Allen & Sons (Tipton) Limited was held yesterday at Tipton, Staffs. The following are extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman, John H. Plant, J.P., F.C.A.:

The turnover of the Group at £3,797,537 is only some £80,000 lower than for the previous year. Orders received during 1973/74 showed a substantial increase over the previous year. With the reduction in turnover we finished the year with a *record level of orders on hand* in each of the manufacturing companies. Orders since 1st April 1974, including substantial export orders, have continued at *a high level so that the problem of 1974/75* is one of material supply and production.

Our Group net profit, subject to taxation, amounted to £257,000 compared with £433,000 for the previous year. Broadly, the profits of the heating companies in the Group were entirely satisfactory, but from these profits we had to set off losses on the engineering and mechanical handling side. We believe that with the steps already taken, this situation will not recur.

As a result of this drop in the gross profit, the Group profit after taxation is reduced to *approximately £122,000,* compared with £263,000 for the previous year. However, this year we do have some windfall profits which mitigated this reduction, bringing the sum available for distribution up to approximately £169,000.

We are confident both of the overall future of your Company in the long term and for the financial year 1974-75.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, *Fountain St, Man 2.*	061-236 9775		
48.1	21.6	Giants	20.6	22.7●	5.60
43.6	22.6	Do Accum	21.6	23.7	5.60
44.7	20.4	Growth	19.1	21.1●	6.20
35.2	20.4	Do Accum	20.0	22.0	6.20
45.5	24.1	Income	22.1	24.5	9.20
40.9	25.9	Do Accum	23.9	26.3	9.20
27.2	16.4	Int Accum	15.7	16.7	3.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers,			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks	0296-5941		
25.3	12.1	Abbey Capital	12.0	12.8	6.97
47.8	20.6	Abbey General	20.4	21.7	5.98
35.0	14.3	Do Income	14.4	15.3	9.50
25.8	14.6	Do Invest	14.1	15.0	6.46
		Allen Trust Managers Ltd,			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2	01-588 6377		
81.3	39.0	Allen Trst*	36.7	38.5	4.51
53.1	28.0	Do Income*	27.0	29.0	8.86
		Allied Hambro Group,			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex	01-588 2851		
71.6	32.6	Allied Capital	31.9	34.0●	6.68
62.7	32.7	Do 1st	32.2	34.3	7.39
63.7	32.5	Brit Ind 2nd	31.7	33.8	8.16
38.9	18.1	Growth & Inc	17.6	18.8	7.81
32.3	15.8	Elec & Ind Dev	15.1	16.1●	8.13
37.6	24.7	Met Min & Cmdty	24.2	25.8	7.41
55.3	30.4	High Income	31.0	33.0●	8.63
38.6	18.7	Equity Income	18.3	19.5	9.52
34.6	14.1	International	14.8	15.8	3.23
35.0	25.0	HighYield Fnd	23.9	25.4	12.00
115.6	49.9	Hambro Fnd	48.8	52.0	8.14
53.7	25.1	Do Income	24.9	26.5	10.19
96.5	45.7	Do Recovery	45.9	48.9	11.63
30.1	11.7	Do Smaller	11.2	12.0	9.28
25.9	13.1	Do Accum	12.9	13.7●	7.30
26.1	15.6	2nd Smaller	15.1	16.1●	8.90
50.8	30.4	Secs of America	31.6	33.6	2.98
101.6	91.9	Exempt Fnd	87.3	91.8●	7.75
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd.			
		1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH.	01-606 4010		
42.4	18.6	Nth American	19.6	21.6●	3.49
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252/6 Romford Road, London, E7.	01-534 5521		
25.0	25.0	UnicornAmer	23.7	25.0	3.50
69.5	35.7	Aust Income	37.8	40.8●	5.15
73.6	43.2	Do Accum	44.5	48.1●	5.15
56.3	30.8	Unicorn Capital	31.1	33.3●	7.41
76.7	36.3	Exempt *	36.4	37.9●	8.07
25.3	12.6	Extra Income	12.1	12.8●	12.48
66.6	28.3	Financial	27.7	29.6	6.98
68.8	30.1	Unicorn'500'	29.3	31.3●	5.52
34.6	13.5	General	13.4	14.3●	9.71
40.0	17.0	Growth Accum	16.8	18.0	9.06
75.8	34.9	Income	34.7	36.9	9.48
32.0	16.6	Recovery	16.4	17.5	9.31
125.0	51.3	Trustee	51.0	54.3	7.89
50.3	32.4	Worldwide	33.1	35.0	5.39
100.4	98.8	B'tst Inv Fnd	98.0	101.0	6.89
100.4	98.8	Do Accum	98.0	101.0	6.89
		Brandts Ltd,			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3	01-626 6599		
143.0	86.0	Brandts Cap (4)	81.0	86.0	2.72
146.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	86.0	91.0	2.50
141.0	79.0	Brandts Inc (4)	76.0	81.0	9.28
		Bridge Trust Management Co Ltd,			
		Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3.	01-623 4951		
109.0	54.0	Bridge Ex* (2)	52.0	55.0	9.02
256.0	130.0	Do Inc (2)	121.0	130.0●	11.15
212.0	88.0	Do Cap (2)	83.0	88.0	3.64
216.0	95.0	DoCapAcc* (2)	89.0	95.0	3.64
116.0	51.0	O'seas Inc (3)	48.0	51.0	5.87
116.0	54.0	Do Accum (3)	51.0	55.0	5.87
		The British Life			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells.	0892 22271		
50.0	24.6	British Life	24.4	25.4●	8.56
32.7	19.5	Balanced (2)	18.5	19.5●	7.72
38.4	20.5	Cap Accum (2)	19.6	20.6	9.68
46.6	22.8	Dividend (2)	21.6	22.9●	12.16
41.3	24.7	Opp Accum (2)	23.7	25.1	9.77
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2.	01-600 8520		
179.5	106.9	Brn Ship Inc (7)	101.9	106.9	7.40
186.6	118.8	Do Accum (7)	113.8	118.8	7.40
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1.	01-930 6122		
33.5	17.4	Canlife Gen	17.3	18.2	6.75
34.0	18.7	Do Accum	18.7	19.7	6.76
28.8	18.8	Income Dist	17.8	18.8●	11.06
28.8	20.0	Do Accum	19.3	20.4	11.06
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	0632 21165		
77.3	37.7	Carliol (8)	37.2	39.3●	5.83
80.6	40.8	Do Accum	40.3	42.3	5.83
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2.	01-588 1815		
137.7	71.2	Inc* (24)	71.2	--	9.77
207.8	96.2	Accum* (24)	96.2	..	6.16
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4.	01-248 3999		
29.4	12.2	Int (3)	12.6	13.6●	4.59
30.0	13.6	Accum (3)	14.0	15.0●	4.59
44.8	22.8	Inc (3)	21.8	23.2●	10.12
26.4	18.8	Euro Fin (3)	17.6	18.8●	1.99
25.0	14.2	Fund Inv (3)	13.6	14.6●	6.91
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh.	031-226 4931		
41.3	11.2	Growth Fnd	11.2	11.9	7.79
53.8	23.9	International	23.9	25.4	3.37
43.2	18.9	Reserves Fnd	18.3	19.5	6.97
46.8	22.6	High Dist	22.0	23.4	10.64
		Discretionary Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Finsbury Hse, 22 Bloomfield St, EC2.	01-638 4485		
124.7	57.6	Income	57.9	60.9	9.95
136.0	68.2	Accum	68.6	70.1	9.95
		Drayton Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		43/45 South St, Eastbourne.	0323 36711		
55.8	39.7	Commodity	38.9	42.3	7.06
30.8	17.4	Growth	18.1	19.2	4.08
24.4	13.0	Inv Trust	12.2	13.2	6.03
42.1	23.4	Drayton Inc	23.1	24.8	9.09
39.7	29.0	International	29.6	31.6	3.99
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.	02774 53169		
77.5	30.3	Progressive	29.8	31.8	5.94
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks.	0494 32815		
56.4	26.0	Equity & Law	26.0	27.6●	7.40
		Family Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks	0296 5941		
74.3	46.9	Family Fnd	45.2	48.1	3.97
		Framlington Unit Management Ltd.			
		Spencer Hse, 4 South Place, EC2.	01-628 4966		
72.6	31.2	Capital	30.2	32.0●	8.12
62.6	30.4	Income	29.8	31.6	9.93
		Friends' Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3.	01-626 4511		
35.1	15.0	Friends Prov	15.0	16.0	7.40
36.0	16.6	Do Accum	16.6	17.7	7.40
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2.	01-405 4300		
117.2	50.0	Capital*	49.0	50.0●	5.84
88.5	45.0	Gross Income*	43.0	45.0	10.20
97.4	49.0	High Yield*	48.0	49.0	10.49
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex.	0277 227300		
32.9	15.3	*G & A*	15.2	*16.0●*	*7.00*
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St Martin's-le-Grand, EC1	01-600 8461 Ext 13		
87.3	38.9	GT Cap	35.9	38.9●	2.00
93.5	42.1	Do Accum	39.1	42.1●	2.00
99.4	72.2	Do Income	70.8	74.3	8.00
116.1	94.6	Do US Gen Fnd	115.4	117.9	1.00
113.7	94.6	Do Japan Gen	111.5	114.0	1.00
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3.	01-681 1031		
92.0	36.8	Guardhill	37.3	38.6	8.04
		Henderson Administration Ltd.			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2.	01-588 3622		
100.2	45.0	Cabot	42.3	45.0	5.80
107.5	83.5	Henderson Gr*	77.5	83.5	5.25
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 173, Croydon, CR9 6AL.	01-681 1031		
48.1	39.1	Dollar	38.8	41.6	1.71
30.9	19.8	International	20.2	21.7	3.14
144.3	63.6	Brit Trst	65.2	69.9	7.41
144.3	63.6	Brit Guernsey	65.2	69.8	4.96
27.7	10.9	Cap	11.6	12.5	9.06
79.3	41.6	Fin Trst	40.8	43.7●	4.48
25.2	10.8	Inc Trst	11.5	12.3	11.34
26.4	12.5	High Yield	12.3	13.2	11.94
47.1	21.4	Secs Trst	21.5	23.0●	7.22
		Ionian Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		64 Coleman St, London, EC2.	01-638 5606		
101.0	72.8	Foreign Fnd (21)	68.0	72.8	4.75
203.0	87.0	Growth Fnd (25)	86.0	91.0	7.56
109.0	68.0	Inc Fnd (26)	64.0	69.0	12.56
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Young St, Edinburgh.	031-225 6762		
37.6	14.0	Compound (1)	14.3	15.8	15.10
39.0	16.9	Do Accum (1)	16.7	18.2	15.10
30.0	16.2	8½% Wdraw (1)	14.7	15.1	..
24.0	19.6	Preference	17.6	19.6	15.52
24.0	20.3	Do Accum	18.8	20.8	15.52
20.6	11.4	Cap (2)	10.2	11.4	..
25.2	12.6	Aust Comp Fnd	11.3	12.6	7.11
26.4	12.1	8½% W'draw	10.6	12.9●	..
31.5	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	14.0	14.9	7.35
24.3	9.8	Fin & Prop (3)	9.0	10.0	6.43
41.5	22.8	Int Growth (4)	21.0	23.0	4.45
25.7	13.5	Nth Sea (3)	12.6	14.0●	3.89
45.0	24.0	Commodity (5)	22.9	25.4	8.90
49.1	28.0	Do Accum (5)	27.2	29.7	8.90
49.1	24.6	10% W'draw (5)	23.7	26.2	...
		Jessel Britannia Group.			
		155 Fenchurch St, London, EC3.	01-623 7365		
65.1	41.0	Brit Comm Plus	39.6	42.4	9.45
49.3	19.9	Brit Gen	19.1	20.4●	9.85
41.0	23.0	Extra Inc	21.2	23.0	13.01
21.5	19.4	High Income	18.5	19.9	15.11
38.5	23.3	Jessel Cap	23.3	25.3●	8.68
73.0	16.4	Do City of Ldn	26.6	28.9	8.75
61.8	36.6	Do Global	33.6	36.6●	4.65
171.8	110.2	Do Gold & G	138.7	148.4	5.06
56.9	32.3	Do Inc	29.9	32.4●	11.46
34.5	16.8	Do Inv Units	15.5	16.8	7.73
64.2	25.3	Do New Iss	23.7	25.4	10.57
24.7	10.0	Do Prop & G	5.2	10.0●	7.27
53.4	32.3	DoPlant&Gen	30.6	32.7	10.59
28.0	13.8	Aust & Genl)	12.7	13.6●	4.11
27.8	18.2	JL Int Cons	17.1	18.3●	6.19
		Key Fund Managers,			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE.	01-606 7070		
79.0	36.5	Cap Fund	35.5	37.7	5.43
97.9	53.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	50.2	53.4●	13.03
80.3	38.8	Inc Fnd	37.3	39.6	11.77
99.1	44.6	KPIF	44.2	46.6	4.67
		Lawson Securities			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh.	031-226 3911		
24.6	22.8	Gilt&Warrant	21.8	22.8	3.79
98.8	91.7	High Yield Fnd	86.8	91.8	16.70
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.	0272 32241		
60.0	30.4	Dist	29.8	30.4	7.57
62.0	33.2	Accum	31.4	33.2	7.57
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard Street, London, EC3	01-626 1500		
53.8	21.7	1st Inc	21.9	23.2	6.36
60.9	25.7	Do Accum	25.8	27.4	6.36
56.2	24.1	2nd Inc	23.9	25.4	6.76
60.6	26.4	Do Accum	25.8	28.5	6.76
76.8	37.3	3rd Inc	35.8	38.0●	11.51
80.3	41.6	Do Accum	41.7	44.3	11.51

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Morgan Grenfell Funds.			
		23 Gt Winchester St, London, EC2.	01-588 4545		
146.5	72.3	Cap (3)	71.0	76.0	3.80
113.0	59.5	Exempt(26)	57.0	59.5	5.30
51.5	*27.8*	*Inc (3)*	*26.7*	*28.8*	*9.60*
15.11	7.18	Ins Agency (4) £	7.12	7.60	3.80
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.	01-626 4588		
159.7	82.2	M & G General	83.7	89.1	7.46
199.8	108.0	Do Accum	109.9	117.0	7.46
150.2	77.7	2nd Gen	77.1	81.3	6.96
188.2	101.3	Do Accum	100.6	106.1	6.96
139.1	*60.9*	*Mid & Gen*	*59.3*	*62.6*	*9.94*
176.6	81.2	Do Accum	79.2	83.5	9.94
96.8	47.6	Div Fnd	47.8	50.4	12.01
136.7	70.6	Do Accum	70.9	74.8	12.01
141.8	68.4	Special Trst	65.6	69.2●	5.17
152.3	76.8	Do Accum	73.4	77.4	5.17
264.0	58.3	Magnum Fnd	135.0	141.1●	4.84
283.9	148.4	Do Accum	150.4	157.2	4.84
69.5	29.8	FITS	29.3	30.9	5.43
73.4	32.2	Do Accum	31.7	33.4	5.43
90.8	48.5	Compound	47.3	49.9	4.99
142.1	87.1	Recovery	83.6	88.2	8.97
50.0	28.9	Extra Yield	28.6	30.2●	13.95
50.0	31.1	Do Accum	30.9	32.6	13.95
117.0	69.8	Japan	66.6	72.3	--
56.9	36.9	Euro & Gen	36.2	38.5	2.68
49.0	18.5	American & Gen	19.8	21.1	2.39
56.1	26.8	Australasian	29.9	31.8	4.05
52.7	25.1	Far East Inc	25.7	27.4●	2.41
52.7	25.5	Do Accum	26.1	27.8	2.41
140.9	80.6	Trustee Fnd	60.1	63.7	9.03
200.7	94.3	Do Accum	94.1	99.7	9.03
153.9	68.8	Charifund* (2)	68.5	69.6	10.88
136.0	59.6	Pension* (1)	58.6	60.7	8.56
43.7	21.2	NAACIF	21.3	..	14.32
85.7	49.3	Do Accum	49.3	..	14.32
60.7	30.6	M&GConv	30.3	32.0	2.50
74.2	34.5	Clyde Gen	33.5	35.3●	7.90
83.0	41.2	Do Accum	40.5	42.7	7.90
73.4	39.4	Clyde High Inc	38.3	40.4	13.06
85.3	50.0	Do Accum	48.6	51.3	13.06
99.7	69.8	ManagedBonds	66.7	70.2	--
		The National Group of Unit Trusts,			
		3-5 Norwich Street, London, EC4.	01-405 8891		
34.2	24.9	Century	24.1	26.0●	7.01
53.2	26.3	Com Cons	25.7	27.6	5.47
56.2	21.9	Domestic	21.2	22.7	9.59
73.6	36.4	Gas Ind Power	35.3	37.8	6.47
50.8	28.9	Hundred Secs	27.9	29.8	6.49
48.5	20.3	Inv Gen	18.6	20.4●	8.07
80.5	28.3	Do 2nd Gen	32.8	35.5	7.37
82.1	45.8	Natbifs	43.0	46.8●	4.07
50.8	27.0	Nat Cons	26.3	28.4	6.31
191.0	88.1	Do 'D' 2nd	84.9	91.0	8.89
79.5	43.6	Do High Inc	42.5	45.4●	8.63
57.6	23.6	NUFITS	22.4	24.2	6.73
70.1	51.5	Nat Resources	49.2	52.2●	6.01
165.2	76.2	Prov Inv Trst.	73.6	79.2	6.35
70.2	32.6	Scot Units	31.0	33.6	7.03
83.7	40.5	Security 1st	38.8	41.9	7.33
77.1	39.5	Shamrock	37.7	40.2	7.19
48.8	29.7	Shield	29.0	30.9●	4.39
113.0	58.1	Universal 2nd	57.1	60.4●	6.89
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd,			
		48 Gracechurch St, EC3.	01-623 4200		
47.1	23.1	NPI Accum (15)	22.5	24.0	7.10
46.3	21.8	*Do Dist (15)*	21.2	22.6	7.10
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP.	01-837 8044		
61.2	30.5	Capital	30.8	32.8	5.35
35.3	16.5	Income	16.4	17.5●	8.47
42.0	19.9	Financial	20.0	21.3	4.49
91.7	47.4	Growth	47.5	50.7	5.85
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd,			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, *Aylesbury, Bucks*	0296 5941		
198.0	113.0	Equity	108.0	114.0●	4.42
95.5	88.5	Income Fund	86.4	91.9	7.67
103.2	80.9	International	77.1	82.0	3.59
95.1	77.2	Smaller Co's	74.1	78.8●	3.41
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd,			
		Pinners Hall, Austin Friars, EC2.	01-638 8881		
43.6	24.6	Financial	23.7	25.1●	5.65
33.7	13.2	General	12.5	13.3●	5.68
56.6	20.9	Growth	20.7	21.9●	6.85
57.5	19.5	Do Accum	19.4	20.6●	6.85
34.1	16.4	High Income	15.9	16.9●	9.41
29.9	11.7	Investment	11.1	11.8●	6.93
34.4	19.3	Overseas	18.8	19.9	4.73
56.4	28.6	Performance	27.9	29.7●	5.05
34.4	15.2	Progressive	14.8	15.6	5.93
31.9	14.9	Recovery	14.4	15.3	5.05
		Pearl-Montagu Trust Managers Ltd.			
		114 Old Broad St, GPO Box 325 EC2.	01-588 6464		
30.4	11.2	Growth	10.7	11.6	6.08
30.6	11.8	Do Accum	11.4	12.4	6.08
32.6	15.4	Income	14.6	15.8●	10.29
38.6	17.4	Trust	17.1	18.4	6.73
41.2	19.5	Do Accum	19.1	20.6	6.73
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain St, Manchester.	061 236 5685		
67.6	33.9	Pelican	33.9	35.5	7.50
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2.	01-606 8744		
38.0	25.1	Inc & Growth	23.4	25.2	3.80
42.2	23.6	Extra Inc	22.0	23.8●	11.25
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		10 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1.	01-251 0544		
103.4	30.3	Portfolio Cap	30.6	33.7●	6.23
100.8	46.9	Grwth With Inc	43.9	47.2	7.20
58.6	20.8	Private Port	19.5	21.5	8.60
54.1	39.2	Shenley Port	37.0	39.7	6.30
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1.	01-623 8893		
148.6	66.5	Pract Inc (3)	61.3	67.5●	6.25
177.6	84.7	Do Accum (3)	78.1	86.0	6.25
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		100 Cannon St, London, EC4.	01-626 0877		
71.4	39.9	Prolific	38.9	41.7●	6.85
47.2	44.9	Do High Inc	43.9	47.0	11.19
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH.	01-405 9222		
125.0	53.5	*Prudential*	52.9	55.0●	7.61
		Save & Prosper Group			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP.	01-588 1717		
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351			
		Ebor Securities.			
64.3	34.9	Universal Grwth	34.6	37.0	2.72
64.7	27.5	Capital Accum	26.1	28.5	1.25
63.0	25.6	General	24.7	26.4	1.73
53.6	26.4	High Return	26.1	27.9	9.96
64.0	41.0	Commodity	40.4	43.1	8.03
54.1	31.6	Energy	33.0	35.3	1.47
54.8	20.7	Financial	20.1	21.5	6.04
58.1	25.4	Prop & Build	24.4	26.1●	6.68
115.6	46.0	Select Grwth(9)	44.0	48.0●	2.67
104.6	45.5	Select Inc(9)	43.5	46.5●	10.67
192.2	133.5	Comm Pen(3)	125.6	134.0	8.45
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
40.8	17.7	Capital	17.6	18.9	4.35
83.3	38.9	Financial Secs	36.8	39.2	4.16
20.6	12.3	Investment	11.7	12.5●	6.50
81.2	52.9	Euro Growth‡	51.6	55.1	2.11
73.4	42.7	Japan Growth‡	40.6	43.4●	2.09
92.9	43.7	US Growth‡	46.0	49.1	2.38
47.5	20.5	General	20.3	21.7	7.86
50.3	24.3	High Yield	25.2	26.9●	9.57
41.9	21.1	Income	20.7	22.2	11.43
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
58.6	25.2	Scotbits	23.8	25.4	3.77
51.8	28.5	Scotyields	26.3	28.1	8.68
64.2	27.1	Scotgrowth	27.7	29.6	5.43
58.0	25.6	Scotshares	25.3	27.0	6.82
290.5	137.3	Scotfunds	137.3	143.4●	3.01
58.3	24.5	Scotincome	24.0	25.3●	10.13
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, E.C.2	01-242 8282		
129.0	46.6	Capital (16)	45.0	46.6	5.19
136.5	50.9	Do Accum	49.1	50.9	5.19
146.8	66.2	Income (16)	63.9	66.2	11.19
164.5	80.0	Do Accum	77.2	80.0	11.19
79.0	27.9	General (3)	27.1	28.8	7.87
83.0	30.9	Do Accum	30.7	31.9	7.87
43.7	27.6	Europe (18)	26.0	27.6	0.37
44.6	28.8	Do Accum	27.1	28.8	0.37
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		47-57 Gresham St, London, EC2.	01-600 4747		
62.1	40.7	Growth	40.7	43.6	7.33
51.9	37.4	Assets	34.3	36.7	7.74
36.4	25.3	Capital Accum	25.0	26.5	6.43
33.4	30.4	Financial	28.8	30.8●	6.82
59.8	41.4	High Income	39.6	42.4●	8.57
548.7	279.5	Professional	291.5	300.6	6.21
25.0	14.6	Status Change	14.7	15.7●	6.09
115.0	88.6	Minerals Tst	86.5	92.1●	6.50
25.0	25.0	North American	23.5	25.0	5.00
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers,			
		45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh.	031-226 3271		
101.9	31.2	American	*31.0*	*34.5*	*3.25*
100.0	60.1	British Cap	58.5	60.1	7.22
		Talisman Fund Managers,			
		Plantation Hse, Mincing Lane, EC3.	01-623 4951		
43.1	18.2	Talisman (3)	16.9	18.3●	3.26
29.1	11.7	Do Int	11.0	11.9	4.17
		Target Trust Managers Ltd,			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks.	0296 5941		
43.0	18.8	Consumer	18.0	19.2	7.63
77.6	34.0	Financial	32.4	34.6	6.46
54.7	21.5	Equity	20.8	22.3	7.88
182.3	91.7	Exempt*	89.5	93.0	8.35
103.6	103.6	Do Accum (3)	101.5	105.1	8.35
38.8	16.5	Growth	16.3	17.4	6.28
25.0	17.7	International	17.2	18.3●	3.67
19.4	18.0	Do Re-invest	17.5	18.7	3.67
30.1	12.4	*Investment*	12.9	13.8	5.77
175.9	81.0	Professional (3)	79.2	82.5	8.19
25.5	12.7	Income	11.8	12.9●	11.34
17.2	10.6	Preference	9.8	10.6●	16.30
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, 3.	031-229 8621		
35.0	15.6	Eagle	14.0	15.9	4.65
40.7	20.5	Thistle	19.9	21.2	9.34
53.8	30.1	Claymore Fnd	28.8	30.1	4.12
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks	0296 5941		
47.8	17.7	General	17.7	18.8●	7.13
44.6	20.2	Do Accum	20.1	21.8	7.13
		Transatlantic & General Securities Co.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford.	51651		
95.3	37.0	Barbican (4)	35.9	38.6	7.61
110.9	48.5	Do Accum	47.0	50.6	7.61
78.5	45.2	Buckingham (4)	47.2	49.5	6.61
81.5	49.2	Do Accum	51.4	53.9	6.61
104.1	56.1	Colemco	54.3	57.3●	10.28
104.1	58.4	Do Accum	57.8	60.8	10.28
71.9	32.9	Glen Fund (2)	31.0	32.9●	8.50
75.7	36.9	Do Accum	34.8	36.9	8.50
102.9	47.8	*G'chester* (5)*	54.7	57.3	4.27
101.6	69.0	Ldn & Brus'ls*	69.3	72.6	3.28
53.8	31.7	Marlborough	30.2	32.5	6.38
33.5	32.6	Do Accum	31.6	34.0	6.38
83.7	37.1	Merlin (1)	35.4	37.1	8.56
85.7	40.0	Do Accum	38.2	40.0	8.56
40.8	29.0	Merlin Yield	29.2	30.7●	12.18
30.4	30.9	Do Accum	31.1	32.7	12.18
57.6	22.2	Vanguard (2)	21.1	22.2	7.56
62.3	23.2	Do Accum	23.7	25.9	7.56
51.2	31.7	Wickmoor	31.2	32.9●	8.17
51.3	33.2	Do Accum	32.6	34.4	8.17

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Trident Funds,			
		(Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.)			
		140 South St, Dorking.	Dorking 86441		
30.2	12.9	Performance	12.4	13.6●	7.15
35.1	26.2	*Income Fund*	24.5	26.5	11.20
50.9	22.2	10% Withdrwl	20.8	22.5	..
61.1	34.7	Int Growth	33.8	38.0	5.19
23.5	23.1	AmerGrwth	22.5	24.3	2.30
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Road, Bristol.	0272 32241		
122.2	54.8	Income	52.6	54.8	10.05
166.4	80.8	Do Accum	77.6	80.8	10.05
145.0	*63.0*	*Capital*	*60.4*	*63.0*	*4.65*
171.2	77.6	Do Accum	74.6	77.6	4.65
110.8	44.0	Canynge Fund	41.8	44.0	7.20
115.4	48.2	Do Accum	45.8	48.2	7.20
128.6	54.3	Exempt*	52.6	54.8	6.46
144.6	63.2	Do Accum	62.6	65.2	6.46
115.8	47.6	Local Auth*	45.6	47.6	6.70
136.4	55.0	Do Accum	52.8	55.0	6.70
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Road, Bristol.	0272 32241		
160.0	75.0	Income (23)	71.6	75.0	8.85
175.4	89.4	Do Accum	85.4	89.4	8.85
162.8	60.0	Capital (23)	57.4	60.0	6.37
172.6	66.8	Do Accum	63.8	66.8	6.37
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M.	01-623 4951		
102.0	67.0	Friars Hse Fnd	63.0	67.0	8.00
34.4	12.9	Gt Winchester	12.5	13.2	9.80
24.9	12.4	Do Overseas	11.8	12.4	9.00
26.0	13.3	Wieler Growth	12.7	13.4●	6.46
20.5	13.8	Do Accum	13.2	13.9	6.46
		Vavasseur Group of Unit Trusts.			
		11-12 Cromwell, EC3N 2LQ.	01-481 1244		
59.3	33.0	Aust Trst	31.1	33.1●	5.59
30.4	20.6	Cap Accum	19.5	20.8	6.29
47.4	25.7	European	24.5	*26.1●*	*2.25*
54.2	25.8	Far East Tst	25.4	27.1	5.30
29.0	22.3	Financial	21.1	22.5	6.60
48.3	25.9	High Income	24.9	26.5	13.96
21.4	15.6	Inc & Assets	14.9	15.9	9.07
29.3	17.2	International	17.1	18.2●	4.34
31.0	13.0	Inv Trst	12.4	13.2●	7.68
50.0	26.4	Nth American	29.8	31.7	1.77
34.4	*20.2*	*Oil & Nat Res*	*19.1*	20.3	4.72
105.2	59.8	Pers Portfolio	59.2	62.6	6.93
		Anthony Wieler & Co Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3M.	01-623 4951		
26.0	13.3	Wieler Growth	12.7	13.4●	6.46
20.5	12.6	Do Accum	13.2	13.9	6.46
		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
		Abbey Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		190 Strand, London, WC2R 1DY.	01-836 6600		
*37.9	16.8	Equity Trst (3)	16.0	17.0	..
28.4	13.1	Do Accum (3)	12.5	13.2	..
95.4	100.0	Money Fd Unit	95.4	100.5	..
100.3	100.0	Pension Sec	..	100.2	..
100.2	100.0	Do Managed	..	100.2	..
71.1	48.8	Sel Inv (3)	46.1	49.0	..
62.2	43.5	Do Pen (3)	41.1	43.7	..
135.5	120.2	Prop Units (27)	113.2	120.2●	..
141.0	113.7	Do Accum (27)	107.0	113.7	..
145.4	119.4	Do Pen (27)	112.5	119.4	..
99.9	100.0	Conv Bnd	99.9	105.2	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd,			
		3 Pavilion Bldgs, Brighton, BN1 1EE.	0273 21917		
98.1	100.0	Triad Man Bnd	98.1	103.8	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
		Atlantic Hse, Billingshurst, Sussex.	040-381 3451		
106.1	100.0	All-Weather Ac	106.1	111.6	..
105.5	108.3	Do Capitol	105.5	111.0	..
159.0	97.0	Invest Fnd	100.0	..	..
157.5	96.0	Pension Fnd	96.0	..	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7.	01-555 1211		
96.0	69.8	Barclaybonds	67.2	70.8	..
		Canada Life Assurance,			
		6 Charles II St, London, SW1.	01-930 6122		
58.1	27.9	Equity Growth	27.9	..	..
128.2	58.0	Retirement	58.0	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd,			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB.	01-902 8876		
13.88	8.07	Equity Units £	8.36	..	..
123.0	73.0	Do Accum	76.0	..	..
97.0	52.0	Do Annuity	54.0	..	..
856.0	714.0	Prop Units	758.0	..	..
962.0	796.0	Do Accum	846.0	..	..
9.43	8.32	Exec Bal £	8.41	..	..
6.78	5.51	Exec Equity £	5.71	..	..
11.35	9.30	Exec Prop £	10.05	..	..
9.95	8.45	Bal Bond £	8.41	8.90	..
9.85	5.83	Equity Bond £	5.71	6.04	..
11.35	9.26	Prop Bond £	10.05	10.63	..
9.76	8.32	Bal Units £	8.41	..	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA.	01-684 6944		
		Valuation last working day of month.			
73.1	64.8	1st Units	61.8	64.8	..
50.9	45.4	Prop Units	44.5	46.7	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA.	01-684 6944		
		Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	40.9	W'minster Units	41.5	43.5	..
64.2	56.0	Land Bank	65.8	..	..
44.5	37.9	Speculator	37.9	..	..
155.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	132.0	134.6	..
99.3	*100.0*	*Inv Option Bnd*	*99.3*	*104.5*	..
		2nd Managed Fund			
121.1	46.3	Performance	109.9	..	..
115.4	103.9	Balanced	111.4	117.2	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group,			
		St Helen's 1 Undershaft, EC3.	01/283 7500		
40.3	20.0	Variable An Acc	20.1	..	..
14.9	10.4	*Do Ann*	10.4	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3.	01-626 5410		
		Valuation 15th of month			
165.0	76.0	Capital Fnd	76.0	..	..
68.5	30.5	GS Special	30.5	..	..
98.0	88.5	Man Grwth (23)	84.0	89.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon.	01-686 4300		
134.0	*92.6	Crown Brit Inv	92.6	..	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3.	01-626 8031		
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month			
61.5	59.9	Crusader Prop	61.5	64.9	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon.	01-681 1031		
56.0	26.5	Eagle Units	26.6	27.6	10.44
56.0	*26.5*	*Midland Units*	*26.6*	*27.6*	*10.44*
		Fidelity Life Assurance Ltd.			
		Corporation St, High Wycombe, Bucks.	35921		
48.8	31.5	Am Grth Fnd (1)	32.8	34.6	..
22.9	16.0	Flexible Fnd	15.3	16.1	..
58.1	36.6	Trst of Trsts	36.4	37.4	..
52.5	38.2	Do Cap	36.2	38.2	..
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3.	01-283 7107		
168.4	137.7	Prop Bond	140.6	146.5	..
115.0	65.9	Pen Man Bonds	62.6	65.9	..
		Hambro Life Assurance,			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1.	01-499 0031		
145.3	80.4	Equity	79.1	83.3	..
134.7	120.3	Property	120.0	127.6	..
127.2	87.2	Managed Cap	83.8	88.1	..
130.6	94.5	Do Accum	90.9	95.7	..
142.5	*127.0*	*Pen Prop Cap*	*129.3*	*136.2*	..
157.3	135.1	Do Accum	146.5	154.3	..
131.0	122.2	Pen Man Cap	117.3	123.5	..
143.4	130.3	Do Accum	132.9	139.9	..
101.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	101.4	106.8	..
101.8	100.0	Pen FI Cap	101.8	107.3	..
104.4	100.0	Do Accum	104.4	110.0	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Road, London, NW1.	01-387 5020		
35.2	31.0	Prop Bond	29.6	31.5	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon.	01-686 4355		
139.5	131.3	HS Prop Units	131.0	137.6	..
97.8	88.5	Fortune Man (5)	84.9	89.4	..
97.7	100.0	Money Fnd	97.7	102.9	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff.	42577		
70.3	30.3	*Hodge Bonds*	29.4	31.0	..
60.6	42.3	Takeover	41.0	43.1	..
		Individual Life Insurance Co Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT.	0323 36711		
98.7	68.0	Equities	66.6	70.1	..
107.4	94.5	Fixed Int	107.4	113.1	..
99.4	95.4	Managed	93.9	98.9	..
102.1	100.5	Property	99.8	105.2	..
109.8	100.0	MoneyFund	96.0	101.1	..
106.0	100.0	King & Shaxson	103.9	106.1	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance.			
		9 Devereux Court, London, WC2.	01-353 3697		
107.6	69.0	Lion Equity	69.3	..	..
113.3	79.3	Do Accum	79.9	..	..
63.2	54.4	Lion Man Grwth	51.5	54.4	..
81.8	49.7	Do Cap	47.1	49.8	..
76.6	52.5	Lion Prop Fnd	52.5	..	..
85.4	49.9	Lion High Yield	49.9	..	..
113.3	84.5	Do Equity Pen	84.5	..	..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	54.7	..	..
85.4	56.3	Do H Yld Pen	56.3	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance,			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2.	01-628 8253		
157.8	134.8	Prop Modules	145.9	153.5●	4.30
102.2	100.0	Managed Fnd	98.6	103.8	..
75.9	33.0	Blue Chip Fnd	34.3	36.2	7.10
		Langham Life Assurance,			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2.	01-628 8661		
136.8	115.2	Property Bnd	109.5	115.2	..
30.9	24.0	Prop Units (La)	23.6	24.9	..
136.8	115.2	Prop Fnd Units	109.5	116.2	..
97.3	47.6	Midas Bnd (34)	45.2	47.6	..
97.3	45.2	Cap Accum (34)	45.2	..	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co. Ltd.			
		Northcliffe Hse, Colston Ave, Bristol.	297381		
27.5	21.5	Secure Ret	27.5	28.5	..
47.0	19.5	Select Inv	18.5	20.0	..
27.0	19.0	Do 2nd	18.0	19.0	..
24.5	19.5	Gilt Fnd	24.0	26.0	..
24.0	17.5	Equity Fnd	16.5	18.0	..
96.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	96.5	102.0	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS.	*01-623 6621*		
101.7	77.1	Mult Grwth Fnd	77.1	..	..
92.6	74.3	Opt 4 Equity	74.3	78.2	..
98.6	100.0	Do Property	98.6	103.8	..
99.4	97.8	Do High Yield	94.2	98.2	..
99.0	100.0	Do Managed	96.0	101.1	..
98.2	100.0	Do Deposit	96.2	101.3	..
100.8	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	100.8	106.2	..
101.1	*100.0*	*Do Equity Fnd*	*101.1*	*106.5*	..
100.8	100.0	Do FI Fnd	100.8	106.2	..
100.8	100.0	Do Man Fnd	100.8	106.2	..
98.0	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	98.0	103.2	..
		London Indemnity & General Ins Co Ltd.			
		Northcliffe Hse, Colston Ave, Bristol.	297381		
26.6	15.8	Money Manager	14.9	15.8c	..
100.0	100.0	Do Deposit	96.3	101.5e	..
24.2	15.8	*Do Flex Fnd*	15.0	15.9e	..
24.3	24.0	Do Fixed Int	24.0	25.3e	..
24.0	24.0	Do Managed	24.0	25.4e	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage Herts.	0438-56101		
38.0	19.2	Manulife (5)	18.5	19.3	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon.	01-686 9171		
104.4	*100.0*	*ConvDepBnd*	104.4	..	..
100.1	100.0	Do Pension	100.1	..	..
101.4	43.2	Equity Bond	43.2	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	100.0	..	..

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
116.7	91.1	Managed Bond	91.1	..	..
100.1	100.0	Do Pension	100.1	..	..
103.6	100.0	Money Market	102.7	..	..
100.0	100.0	Do Pension	100.0	..	..
150.8	24.7	Property Bond	127.8	..	..
145.1	24.7	Do Pension	124.4	..	..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.	01-626 4588		
119.5	61.4	Equity Bond (4)	62.5	65.1	..
93.9	47.6	Do Bonus	47.1	49.1	..
102.4	49.4	Int'l Fnd (4)	50.3	53.0	..
115.4	66.9	Fam Bnd 1976	97.9	..	..
139.9	*86.9*	*Do 1977-79*	..	..	..
77.1	74.3	Do 1981-86	..	..	..
44.5	30.5	Mirror Bonds	30.8	..	..
164.1	85.1	Pers Pen (4)	84.4	87.0	..
139.3	114.8	Prop Fnd (4)	113.4	119.2	..
		Nation Life Insurance.			
		Nation Hse, Teddington, Mddx.	01-977 8811		
156.5	134.1	Prop Bonds	155.3	163.5	..
58.5	*54.4*	*Do Perf (1969)*	*56.1*	..	..
122.0	112.7	Capital	127.1	133.3	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		Surrey St, Norwich NOR 88A.	0603 22200		
		Valuation 3rd Wednesday of month			
154.2	71.2	Norwich Units	71.2	..	..
		Pearl-Montagu Assurance			
		252 High Holborn, London, EC2.	01-588 6464		
105.6	*100.7*	*Prop Units*	*105.6*	112.5	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4.	01-626 9876		
106.9	66.5	Wealth Ass Bnd	64.8	68.3	..
55.2	39.1	Ebor Ass (3)	39.1	..	..
60.6	40.6	Ebor Endow (32)	38.7	40.6	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1.	01-486 0857		
178.2	*150.5*	*R Silk Prop Bnd*	*166.0*	..	..
115.0	100.0	Do Bal Ag Bnd	105.8	..	..
100.3	98.7	Do Series (2)	98.9	..	..
107.8	76.0	Do Managed	76.9	..	..
102.7	73.3	Do Equity Bnd	74.1	..	..
101.4	100.0	Do Flex Mny	101.4	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JF.	01-928 0381		
176.0	147.5	Prop Grwth (29)	147.5	..	..
751.0	536.0	AG Bond (29)	556.0	..	..
128.5	122.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	125.5	..	..
54.8	50.0	Shenley Inv (29)	50.2	..	..
103.4	100.0	Do Equity	103.4	..	..
105.1	100.0	Do Money	102.1	..	..
139.0	112.9	Ret Annuity (29)	117.0	..	..
126.0	113.5	Immed Ann (33)	113.5	..	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH.	01-405 9222		
19.04	9.66	Equity £	9.37	9.66	..
10.93	10.05	Fixed Int £	9.93	10.10	..
19.60	12.82	Property £	17.45	17.99	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent.	0892 22271		
170.1	137.8	Rel Prop Bnd	153.8	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP.	01-554 8899		
89.5	82.6	Bal Bnd	78.6	82.8	..
97.3	64.3	Equity Bnd	63.4	66.8	..
29.2	14.3	Mini Bond (4)	14.3	15.1	..
124.3	110.2	Prop Fnd (30)	104.6	110.2	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		18-24 Maltravers St, WC2.	01-836 3683		
96.1	100.6	Fixed Interest	96.1	101.1	..
96.4	66.2	Flexible Fnd	62.9	66.2	..
244.7	103.4	Equity Fnd	103.4	..	..
104.4	200.2	Do 2nd Ser	95.4	100.4	..
106.8	100.0	PenFndCap	108.8	114.6	..
112.3	100.0	PenFndAccum	112.3	118.2	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		8 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh.	031-225 1291		
266.6	165.7	Inv Policy	160.9	165.7	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh.	031-225 7971		
118.3	45.1	Unit Endowm't	45.1	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1.	01-930 5400		
164.1	79.0	Maple Leaf (3)	79.0	..	..
112.2	100.0	Personal Pens	111.9	..	..
		Target Life Assurance			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks.	0296 5941		
96.5	100.0	Deposit Inc	96.5	101.7	..
96.2	95.2	Fixed Interest	96.2	101.2	..
100.1	86.4	Man Fnd Acc	81.9	86.7	..
97.0	82.0	Do Income	77.8	82.4	..
130.0	92.0	Prop Bnd Inv	92.0	..	..
96.0	92.0	Do Income	93.2	99.0	..
143.0	105.0	Do Accum	105.0	..	..
70.6	33.0	Ret Ann Pen Cap	31.6	33.8	..
73.1	35.6	Do Accum	33.9	36.2	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester.	0452 36541		
95.5	84.4	Trident Man	80.7	85.0	..
95.0	93.5	Do Guar Man	94.5	99.5	..
102.0	100.0	Do Property	102.0	108.0	..
95.0	61.0	Do Equity	58.3	61.5	..
96.5	91.0	Do High Yield	89.2	94.0	..
97.4	100.0	Do Money	97.4	102.6	..
95.0	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	95.0	100.5	..
198.3	29.0	Do Bonds	29.0	31.0	..
88.34	82.40	Gilt Edged(F)	85.30	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol.	0272 32241		
145.4	89.0	Prop Fnd (19)	89.0	..	..
134.8	83.6	3 Way Fnd (19)	83.6	..	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent.	0303 57333		
104.5	100.0	Capital Grwth	104.5	..	..
102.7	75.3	Flexible Fnd	75.5	..	..
120.3	81.5	Inv Fnd	82.6	..	..
131.9	98.8	Prop Fnd	98.8	..	..
110.9	81.0	Money Maker	81.1	..	..
		Offshore and International Funds			
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I.	0534 37806		
100.4	60.3	Europ'n Ster	62.0	65.7	4.72
		Barclays Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey.	0534 37806		
46.9	37.7	Jer Guer O'seas	37.4	39.4	11.28
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	96.0	Brandt Jersey	92.0	97.0●	8.38
159.0	98.0	Do Accum	93.0	99.0●	7.27
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3.	01-626 6599		
78.38	53.33	O'seas Fnd $	53.23	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		60 Bishopsgate, London, EC2.	01-283 5433		
785.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	543.0	610.0	2.33
612.0	456.0	Canadian Fnd	512.0	578.0	1.43
279.0	217.0	Canadian Inv	231.0	261.0●	3.09
203.0	140.0	Div Shares	135.0	153.0a	2.89
705.0	449.0	Ny Venture Fnd	478.0	540.0	..
		Charterhouse Japhet,			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4.	01-248 3999		
41.40	24.30	Adiropa DM	23.70	25.00	9.20
50.50	39.20	Adiverba DM	39.60	41.70	8.39
38.80	25.50	Fondak DM	24.20	25.50	8.63
32.20	18.90	Fondis DM	18.50	19.50	9.23
128.50	40.80	Gen O'seas Swfr	40.50	43.50	3.91
69.29	*44.00*	*Hispano $*	60.21	63.26	1.10
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct St Peters Port Guernsey			
94.5	91.0	Int Cap Man (20)	88.0	94.0	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey),			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey.	0534 20591		
208.7	124.8	Channel Cap	121.9	128.3	4.16
111.9	67.6	Channel Isles	66.1	69.5	7.10
		Eurosyndicat Group.			
		Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons,			
		New Ct, St Swithin's Lane EC4.	01-626 4356		
2.608	1.408	Eurunion Luxfr	1.366	1.442	4.89
539.0	265.0	Fin Union Luxfr	274.0	285.0	6.32
		Hambros (Guernsey)			
		Hirzel Ct, St Peter Port, Guernsey.	0481 23686		
151.6	68.4	Channel Isles †	65.1	68.4	7.05
54.0	23.1	Do Ent Fnd †	21.6	23.1●	8.50
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.			
		Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton, 5, Bermuda.			
1.56	1.15	Bishopsgate $	1.10	1.15	..
		Keystone Funds of Boston.			
		79 Lombard St, London, EC3.	01-623 1157		
266.0	137.0	Polaris	125.0	162.0	..
372.0	237.0	K'stone Growth	221.0	265.0	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd.			
		8 St Georges St, Douglas, IoM.	Douglas 4682		
25.0	19.3	Int Income (3)	18.1	19.3	..
		Manx International Management.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, IoM	0624-4856		
27.5	13.0	Aust Min	14.1	15.5	5.30
181.6	87.0	Gtr Pacific	95.4	100.1	..
53.9	22.2	Manx Mutual	21.2	22.8	2.70
48.3	34.5	Manx Int Inc	33.5	35.6●	9.50
69.8	34.8	Pan Aust Ext	34.7	36.9	5.40
102.3	73.6	Sch Growth (27)	72.8	73.6	..
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ.	01-626 4588		
130.0	58.8	Island Fnd †	58.4	60.9●	5.32
133.8	73.6	Do Accum †	73.1	76.2	5.32
2.40	1.29	Atlantic Exp $	1.28	1.36	..
2.42	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.13	1.16	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey.	0481 26331		
84.2	38.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	34.8	36.6	..
100.1	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	81.1	85.9	..
93.1	86.0	Smaller Co's	80.9	86.0	..
		Slater Walker (Jersey)			
		2-6 Church St, St Helier, Jersey.	0534 37361		
237.7	149.8	Growth Inv	146.2	153.8	1.00
76.4	45.5	*Int'l Fnd*	45.5	47.8	7.00
96.5	100.0	Jersey Energy	98.5	103.8	1.00
		Stellar Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Victoria Hse, Prospect Hill, Douglas, IoM.	23911		
70.7	29.2	Growth (10)	27.0	29.1	7.38
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd.			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
2.16	0.43	Offshore $	0.45	0.47	..
		Tyndall Overseas Funds Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.58	0.96	Overseas $	0.91	1.12	6.00
1.80	1.30	Do Accum $	1.14	1.20	6.00
		Tyndall Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey.	0534 37331		
13.95	5.75	Overseas Str £	5.45	5.70	6.00
15.40	7.15	Do Accum £	6.80	7.15	6.00

● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (7) Oct 22, (8) Oct 30, (9) Oct 29, (10) Oct 31, (14) Nov 1, (15) Oct 30, (16) Oct 22, (18) Nov 5, (19) Oct 25, (20) 25th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month.

Discount market

The *Bank of England* offset a very large shortage in the discount market, yesterday by buying Treasury and municipal authority bills, totalling between £100m and £150m, from discount houses and banks, money market sources said.

Main factors behind the tight conditions were a heavy shortage carried over from Wednesday and maturing municipal authority bills *held* by the central authorities.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11½%
(Last changed 20/9/74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 10¾ Close 11½
Week Fixed: 10¾-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10½
3 months	11	3 months	10⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11¾-11½	3 months	12¼
3 months	11⅝-11½	4 months	12¼
4 months	12⅛-11⅞	6 months	12½
6 months	12⅜-12⅛		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11⅞-11⅝	7 months	12⅞-12⅝
2 months	11⅞-11⅝	8 months	12⅞-12⅝
3 months	11⅞-11½	9 months	12 15/16-12 11/16
4 months	11⅞-11⅝	10 months	12⅞-12⅝
5 months	12⅛-12	11 months	12 15/16-12 11/16
6 months	12⅜-12⅛	12 months	12⅞-12⅝

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11⅞-11⅝	6 months	12⅞-12⅝
3 months	11⅞-11½	12 months	12⅞-12⅝

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11	3 months	11⅝
7 days	11¼	6 months	12⅜
1 month	11	1 year	14¼

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 11½ Close 10

1 week	10¾	6 months	12⅞-12⅝
1 month	11⅜	9 months	13-13¼
3 months	11⅞-11⅝	12 months	13¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt Rate%)
3 months 12¾ 6 months 13

Finance House Base Rate 12½%

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 17.10.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	78.90	11.26	22.28	80.07
Largest Coys.	77.89	11.18	21.94	79.11
Smaller Coys.	81.81	11.52	23.45	83.14
Capital Goods	83.33	11.14	22.39	84.95
Consumer Goods	88.88	10.74	22.99	89.79
Store Shares	70.75	11.34	14.96	71.63
Largest financial shares	94.35	9.47	—	95.96
Largest financial and industrial shares	81.11	10.86	—	82.32
Commodity shares	151.98	10.87	20.07	152.84
Gold Mining shares	456.08	6.87	9.52	455.91
Industrial debenture stocks	70.18	9.06*	—	70.22
Industrial preference stocks	44.94	15.49*	—	44.97
3½% War Loan	23⅝	15.72*	—	23⅝

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	63.84† (16.07.59)
1974	136.16 (28.02.74)	72.37 (26.09.74)
1973	169.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)
1969	171.96 (31.01.69)	122.96 (28.07.69)

† Adjusted to 1964 base date. * Flat interest yield.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
E Anglian Wtr 10% Pf (†)	£97¾
Eastbourne Wtr 10% (†)	£97¾
Essex Wtr 10% Pf (£99)	£98
Finance for Ind 14% (£96½)	£97
Newcastle Wtr 10% Pf (†a)	£9
UDT 16% Cnv (£100)	£95½

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Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by Tender. a £10 paid.

Plessey first quarter results

The Plessey Company's unaudited consolidated resu
for the first quarter to 30th September 1974 are as foll
(with the previous year's results for the equival
quarter by way of comparison):—

Figures in £000's	3 months to 30 Sept. '74	3 months t 30 Sept. '7
Sales	98 400	81 1
Profit on Trading	11 660	9 7
Depreciation	3 283	2 7
Operating Profit	8 377	6
Associated Companies	998	
Interest Receivable	145	
Interest Payable	1 536	1 1
Profit before Taxation	7 992	6 4
Taxation	3 700	2
Profit after Taxation	4 292	3 5
Minority Interests	201	
Earnings attributable to Shareholders of The Plessey Company Limited	4 091	3 4
Earnings per share (in pence)	2.14p	1.8

**These figures have been amended to reflect the quarter's apportionment of year and adjustments.*

The financial results for the quarter reflect the continuing upward trend in sales which at £98.4 million are an increase of 21%. Operating margins improved and resulted in the achievement of a 23.5% increase in profit before taxation after absorbing higher interest costs.

In this quarter similar rates of improvement were achieved at home and overseas. In the U.K. trading conditions had returned to normal and, apart from minor exceptions, all activities showed an improvement over the previous year. Overseas the strong upward trend was maintained in spite of the conditions in Portugal and the slackening of the economy in the U.S.A.

In assessing the quarter's results the historical pattern of profits should be taken into consideration. In each of the last three years 16% of the total year's profits have been earned in the first quarter.

PLESSEY
OPERATING INTERNATIONALLY IN 136 COUNTRIES

COATES BROTHERS & COMPANY LIMITED

AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

INTERIM STATEMENT

SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1974

The Board of Directors of Coates Brothers & Company Limited announce the following trading results of the Group for the first half of 1974.

The increase in profit which has been much greater in Overseas territories than in U.K. markets has been significantly influenced by world-wide inflation and stock profits.

An Interim Dividend of 0.57p per share on the Ordinary Share Capital (£4,258,795) and 'A' Ordinary Non-Voting Share Capital (£5,829,155) respectively absorbing £230,005 has been declared in respect of the year to 31st December 1974. The *Dividend will be payable on 3rd January 1975 to members on* the Register on 8th November 1974.

A decision has been taken to increase the proportion of the total year's dividend paid as an interim dividend, and the higher distribution should not therefore be taken to imply an increase in the total dividend for the year.

It is proposed to introduce a scheme whereby equity shareholders may elect to take additional shares in lieu of cash dividends and full details of the proposals will be set out in a circular which will be sent to all shareholders during November 1974. An Extraordinary General Meeting to consider the necessary resolution will be required and if approved, the scheme would apply to the Interim Dividend for 1974.

	6 Months to 30th June 1974 £	6 Months to 30th June 1973 £
	(Unaudited Figures)	
Group Sales	25,239,000	16,842,000
Group Profit before Taxation	4,390,000	2,754,000
Group Taxation	2,262,000	1,376,000
Group Profit after Taxation	2,128,000	1,378,000
Applicable to Minority Shareholders of Subsidiaries	155,000	73,000
Group Net Profit attributable to Coates Brothers & Co. Ltd.	1,973,000	1,305,000
Earnings per Share (Ordinary and 'A' Ordinary)	4.9p	3.2p

NOTE:

In respect of the 1974 results, oversea currencies have been converted at exchange rates ruling at 30th June 1974; the 1973 figures are those published last year.

17th October 1974

SELINCOURT

Garment and Textile Manufacturers

Interim Statement

The directors of Selincourt Limited announce the following unaudited profit figures of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 31st July 1974.

	6 months to 31.7.74 (£'000)	6 months to 31.7.73 (£'000)	12 months to 31.1.74 (£'000)
Turnover	16,320	14,213	29,254
Group Profit before Taxation ..	718	908	1,716
Taxation	480	420	891
Group Profit after Taxation	238	488	825
Minority interests in subsidiaries ..	40	(7)	5
	278	481	830
Extraordinary Profits	—	—	105
Attributable to Members	278	481	935
Preference and Ordinary Dividends	148	139	287
Balance Retained	130	342	648

During this difficult period which included the effects of the three-day week the Group has traded satisfactorily with the exception of our French subsidiary Tricosa which has incurred losses. This subsidiary is, however, expected to return to profitability during 1975. Higher interest charges and operating costs had also to be absorbed during this period.

The healthy state of the Group's order books indicate that the increased rate of turnover will be maintained throughout the current year.

In the present economic conditions we are bound to take a cautious view of the future but, with most of the Group steadily moving forward, we are quietly optimistic.

An interim dividend of 0.35p net per share requiring a total sum of £144,512 will be paid on 6th December 1974 to Ordinary Shareholders registered at *8th* November 1974. *This is* comparable to the interim of 0.33p paid last year which together with the final of 0.35p made a total of 0.68p net paid last year.

Lloyds Bank Limited has recently been appointed Registrar of the Company. The Bank's address is Registrar's Department, The Causeway, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, West Sussex. BN12 6DA.

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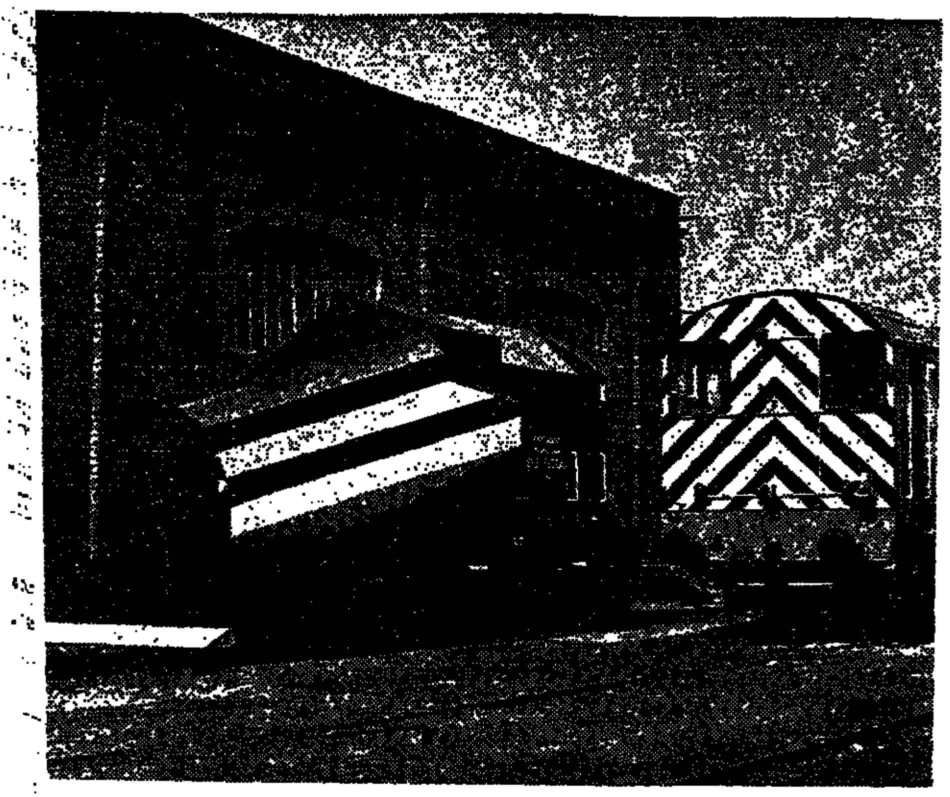
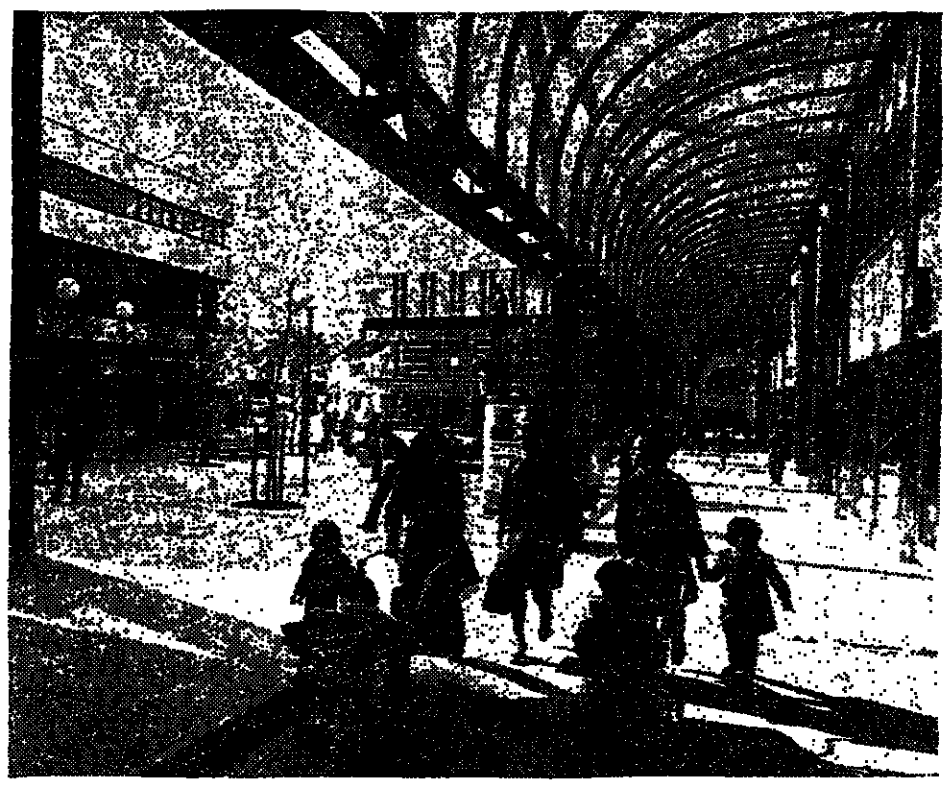
Thamesdown

a Special Report





nowplough which was built by British Rail Engineering at its Swindon works and a 350hp diesel-electric shunting locomo- after being completely overhauled. Right : the new Brunel shopping centre.

idge of change reflects new aims and methods

rick O'Leary

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gh Swindon supplies the new authority's on of more than Highworth council's and fields provide the bulk of the 55,000 acres. Plenty of land is needed to accommodate the steady flow of overspill Londoners. The total target for inhabitants is 200,000 by 1986, perhaps more than 300,000 by the end of the century.

In the Thameside parish of Inglesham, the population has dropped by two to 129 in the past 70 years. Whether it will continue to swim against the tide is perhaps a task for Thamesdown Community Planning Committee. This was formed to liaise with the old parish councils and the new community councils for urban areas.

In a sense, the amalgamation has come too late for Swindon. Over many years it struggled, partly by extending its borders, to attain county borough status under former local authority rules.

Sufficient size having been achieved, Swindon finds such an animal no longer exists. Thamesdown is still a second-tier authority under Wiltshire County Council, along with four other district councils. However, district councils have wide powers over town development, housing, recreation and culture, and other services affecting residents.

Thamesdown has the right to exercise some important extra powers as agent of the county council. They relate mainly to highways and traffic management. Any friction may be soothed by their joint use of a computer at County Hall in Trowbridge, with terminals in Swindon.

Personal contacts are maintained by district councillors attending county council meetings as coopted members. Chief executives of all six authorities meet monthly.

Ambition to grow led Swindon's leaders to seize the opportunity given by the 1952 Town Development Act. They agreed to take population from London in return for help in developing housing and industrial estates.

It was a chance to move on from too much reliance on the railway workshops, which had served the town well for a century but were destined to employ fewer and fewer men as the railways contracted. Swindon had its first taste of diversification during the Second World War, when some factories were established there as part of the dispersal precautions against air raids.

In 20 years more than 100 firms took 28,000 new jobs to the district. Thamesdown continues to cooperate with the Greater London Council and Wiltshire County Council in this development.

Most of it has taken place east of Swindon, and attention has been turned to opening up green field sites to the west. Momentum has been maintained by parallel improvements in communications.

These include construction of two motorways, the M4 and M5, the opening of the Severn Bridge on the route to Wales, and the speeding up of rail services and rebuilding of Swindon station. Consequently, the town remained outside the area of rigid development controls, although it was brought nearer in time to London, to the industrial Midlands and to Southampton.

Several national firms and public corporations have located warehouse, storage or office headquarters in the area. One director mentioned the availability of private airfields locally as an asset. Hence the labour force of some 71,000 is fairly evenly divided between manufacturing and construction on one hand and services and distribution on the other. At 2.1 per cent at the latest count, unemployment is below the average for the South-west.

Housing has been provided by a mixture of private and council building with a good deal of flexibility in the help the council is prepared to give home buyers. Development outside the town has been matched by a new shopping precinct, offices and entertainment halls near its centre.

One commentator said last year: "The Swindon development threatens to become one of the largest town developments in Britain, comparable in magnitude with new towns grafted on to old ones in places like Northampton and Peterborough." The word "threatens" may have caused a wry smile or two in the civic offices of Thamesdown, although it may do no harm to remind planners that the concept that bigger means better is no longer universally accepted.

Mr David Kent, chief executive of the new authority, is aware of the difficulties inherent in Thamesdown's situation. It means one council combining the management of a large borough and the duties equivalent to those of a development corporation with a current capital five-year programme costing more than £100m.

He believes there is a case for extra financial resources being made available to the county and borough in such circumstances. He would also like to see his council given the kind of powers over urban development granted to the big metropolitan districts under the new arrangements.

Thamesdown, it seems, has not abandoned the old ambition to be independent.

Demand for space continues as commercial area is renewed

For the visitor the first noticeable feature of Swindon is that the cranes are still flying there. On a clear day, you can see 12 of them at work on various construction sites, 10 in the town itself.

Mr G. Blythe, Thamesdown's director of development and housing, said: "There has been no real drop in people intending to come to Swindon."

He added that the buoyancy of demand would be tested by the council's efforts to promote two major sites. One is about 13 acres of office development on the eastern side of the town at Broome Manor. A finance house negotiated to take it, but the deal did not go through.

The other site, covering 80 acres, is to the west, overlooking the M4 at Spittleborough. Mr Blythe said they hoped this would attract four or five firms offering high-class employment in industry or offices.

But to return to our visitor: as he looks over his shoulder after leaving the station, he realizes the great wall which cuts off the railway workshops from the town is still there—many Swindonians work "inside". But his eye is more likely to be caught by the 12-storey slab of offices rising over the rebuilt station.

Proceeding into town he encounters more tall buildings, a hotel, offices, and police headquarters among them, before reaching the heart of urban renewal. This is the 13-acre Brunel shopping centre, named after the railway pioneer.

When the last phase is finished in 1977 the centre will be dominated by a tower block of offices and flats. This will be called the David Murray John Building, to commemorate a man who, as town clerk for many years, became almost as closely identified with twentieth-century Swindon as Brunel was with that of the last century.

Work on the centre started in 1970 and the bulk of the shops are already built and occupied. To enable shopping to be truly traffic-free, a vehicle deck has been built at second-floor level, approached by a ramp.

Deliveries are made on this floor by lorries, and the goods sent down to the shops by lift. Even fire engines can drive up. A computerized monitoring system keeps constant watch to warn of fire or intruders in the premises.

Because some warehouse space on upper storeys was not needed, a ballroom has been included. Officials hope this will keep the Brunel centre alive at night.

Swindon's array of supermarkets and stores is designed to draw custom from an area well outside Thamesdown's own borders. This aim to be a regional shopping centre seems to be shared by every town renewing its commercial quarter.

British womanhood will surely wilt in the end under the strain of the endless round of shopping supplied by developers, particularly when shopping around can mean driving 25 miles to another town, or even taking a rail excursion to London.

However, demand for space in Swindon does not seem to slacken. "We are still being selective about the right mix of retailing outlets in our letting policy", Mr Blythe said.

Mr David Maggs, president of Swindon Chamber of Commerce, said: "Building has not stopped here. The impetus of development is still there. Swindon is recognized as a dynamic place to live, with unusually pleasant countryside around it."

He agreed that the changes had pushed up wages. "The inflow of many people who know London scales has caused this", Mr Maggs said. "The standard of living enjoyed by Swindon in 1974 is greater than at any time in the past."

Development has been financed and controlled largely by the local authority itself. Mr Maggs said: "I cannot believe Swindon could have emerged like it has as a product of private investment. It simply had to be government-sponsored, the investment was so enormous."

Naturally there have been dissenting views. Some feel the council has tried to do too much, that the man in the civic offices, like the man in Whitehall, does not know best all of the time.

One group of shopkeepers fought against having their premises taken over for redevelopment, saying they could do the job better themselves, but lost after two public inquiries. Local builders who want to lay out a large private housing estate are protesting because they have been told by the council the scheme is premature in the absence of an overall development plan for the area.

More gentle criticism comes from Swindon Old Town Trades Association. Their premises are up the hill, in an area which was probably a Saxon settlement a millenium before the railway was built down below.

The association says: "In the old days if a businessman was neither interested in quality nor good service he did not stay around for long. But how many times now do you walk into a supermarket and feel it is more like a cattle market?"

The old town itself—lowlanders once called it Nob Hill—has not escaped some piecemeal development. But there are still Georgian premises to be found, and handsome inns.

An 800-bed hospital has been built to keep pace with Thamesdown's growing population. What is locally known as The College has also expanded. Firms find it offers a range of courses for technical, managerial and clerical staff.

The College has just collaborated with the British Association for the Advancement of Science in a project entitled Technology and You. This was to study the social impact of technology.

A residential management centre has been set up at Lydiard Park to the west of Swindon. This is for students on senior courses.

Lest Thamesdown seems to have moved too far from its railway history, it should be noted that the mayor of the new authority, Councillor R. J. Smith, is a toolmaker employed by British Rail since 1953. Many of his Swindon predecessors also worked inside the great wall.

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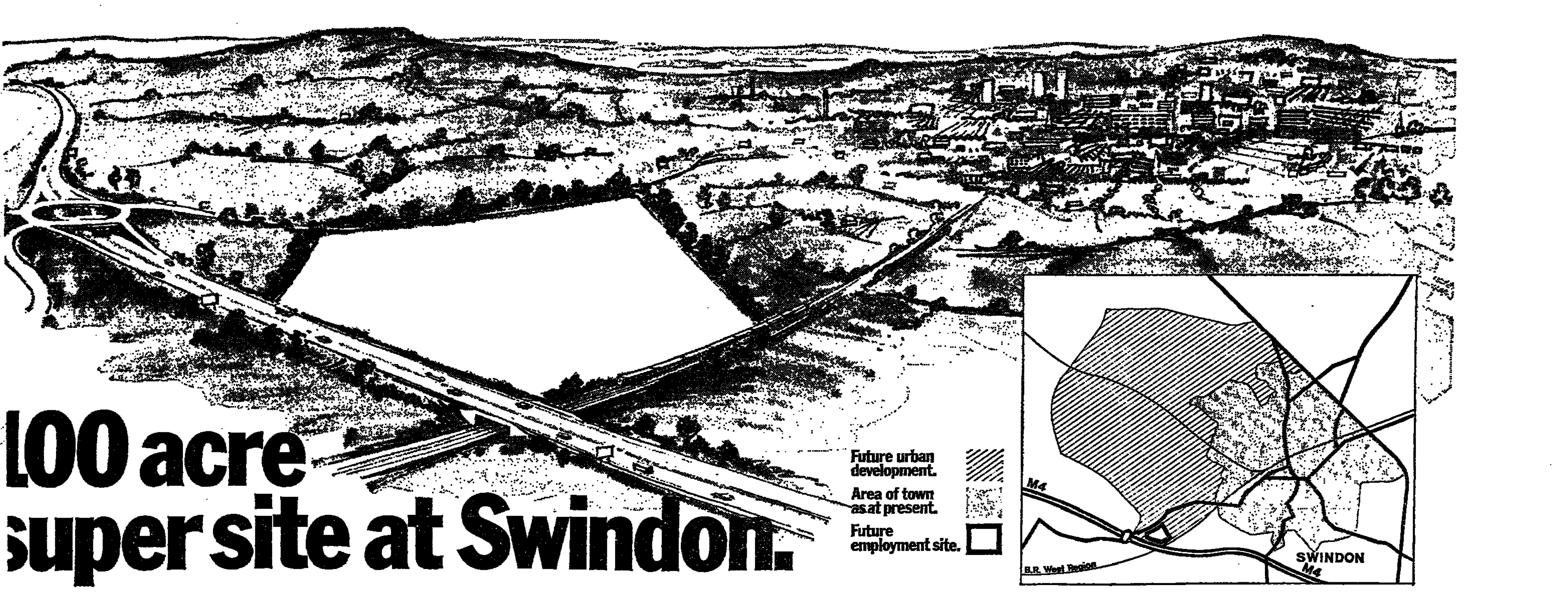

Future urban development. ▨
Area of town as at present. ░
Future employment site. ☐
M4
SWINDON
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100 acre
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SWINDON, the U.K.'s number one 'Expanding Town', is oviding further room for industrial and commercial growth. amesdown Borough Council have reserved a 100 acre super e, no more than 10 minutes from the town centre, for exclusive velopment by about four major international companies.

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lthough close to the centre of ndon, this Employment Area enjoys a erb location in the heart of Wiltshire ntryside, with almost direct access he M4 Motorway which borders one of the site.

Vith continued planned expansion, council is concerned that this site uld be occupied only by companies can make the very best use of the lities available, whilst contributing urn to the future prosperity and the active environment of the area.

or this reason, we are inviting about four companies to share in this site which offers unequalled scope for industrial and commercial expansion, away from congestion, but still at the very heart of things.

For example, it's actually quicker by motorway to Heathrow Airport from Swindon than it is from Central London and the frequent train service will take you to Paddington in little more than an hour. The site is located at interchange No. 16 on the M4 (London to South Wales) which gives rapid motorway access to the M5 and M6 (to the Midlands and the North) thus providing excellent road communication with other major Cities and Ports.

Swindon–where the big boys feel at home.

The Borough's unparalleled facilities have proved invaluable to Swindon's continued expansion and many well known firms have already been attracted to the area. Burma Oil, British Leyland, Roussel Laboratories, The Nationwide Building Society, Hambro Life Assurance Ltd., and W.H. Smith & Sons are but a few.

Follow their example and every provision will be made to ensure you, your company and your employees settle in quickly and comfortably. Thamesdown Borough Council offer a comprehensive and continuous service to management with a specialist development team ready to help from the outset.

Now it's your move

Bring your business to Swindon–we're ready and willing to answer any questions you or your staff may have, to help solve any problems that may arise, and to arrange tours of the area to help everyone feel at home.

One final point–if this site is too big for you but you like the idea of moving to Swindon, there are other sites available in the area, one of which will almost certainly prove suitable.

Take a step in the right direction–to Swindon, where there's room to breathe. Contact: G. Blythe, Director, Development and Housing, Dept TT, Thamesdown Borough Council, Civic Offices, Swindon. Tel: 0793 26161.

SWINDON
Borough of Thamesdown

With the age of steam only a memory, railway workshops turn to making hospital trolleys

by Simon Bucks

It would probably offend steam train enthusiasts to tell them that the Swindon engineering works, at one time the biggest railway centre in Europe, repairs buses. But the information that the works also manufactures ships' hatches and hospital trolleys would no doubt be greeted with disbelief.

Yet Swindon's railway workshops, at one time covering 326 acres of Wiltshire countryside, are now almost deserted, nearly a ghost town nursing fading memories of the great age of steam. The economic *needs* of a *nationalized* railway network have forced British Rail to diversify the activities of what was once the largest locomotive producing centres in the world.

There are countless railway legends, and the greatest of them tells how the Great Western Railway Company chose Swindon as its engineering headquarters.

Apparently, Daniel Gooch and his chief engineer were picnicking on the main London to Bristol line, when one of them tossed a stone. A peg was driven into the ground on the spot where the stone landed, and there was built the engineering works.

A true railwayman, Mr Harry Roberts, the present works manager, does not scoff at the story, but he has a suspicion that something more than chance decided the location. Swindon, then a small market town, stood at the centre of the Great Western's empire and was an ideal spot for the company's building and repairing workshops.

The first buildings went up in 1841 and in 1842 production started. The first locomotive, the famous Great Western, rolled out of the assembly shed in 1849 only 13 weeks after work on it had started.

The original workforce consisted of 500 men, many of them skilled steelworkers from Wales and the North, but in its heyday the works employed 12,000 people, reaching 14,000 by 1925. The massive complex of building and repairing sheds covered 326 acres, 77 of them roofed.

As the railway town grew, the GWR bought out its only competition, a canal linking the Thames and the Avon which was built by merchants in the 1820s and which ran alongside the old town.

Until 1900 the railway town remained separate from the old Swindon, and each community had its own cemetery, sewage and gas works, and even its own fire engines. But at the turn of the century. Queen Victoria granted a charter of incorporation, making Swindon one borough. The amalgamation of the main undertakings in 1923, and the nationalization in 1948 which formed the British Transport Commission, started the decline and fall of Swindon as a railway centre.

Under British Railways reorganization, completed in 1967, locomotive and coach building was phased out, and 9,000 workers were made redundant. More than half the land occupied by the works was sold, much of it to make way for a new *technical college, and now* only 104 acres, 32 of them roofed, remain.

Now the railway engineering activities at Swindon are restricted almost entirely to repair and servicing work, and *only 3,000 people are* employed there. However, the works still possess the railway's only non-ferrous foundry, and about 100 men work full time turning out brass handles, luggage *racks, aluminium components*, and countless other non-steel items for British Rail's fleet of locomotives and rolling stock.

Mr Roberts estimates that more than 25,000 different parts are *produced in the* foundry, but up-to-date mechanization has cut the number of men needed to staff it to about 100.

Modern technology now means that broken-down locomotives do not need to return to Swindon for repair. Instead the diesel hydraulic and diesel electric engines are lifted out and *sent there on adapted* wagons. This method of removing diesel engines for repair has speeded the process of getting broken-down *locomotives back in service.* The same system is used for rolling stock, and complete parts of coaches and freight wagons can be taken out and replaced with new ones at depots all over the *region. About eight coaches* a week are also serviced at the works.

Occasionally, too, Swindon sees reminders of the great *age of steam. Railway pre*servation societies all over the country which have bought old steam engines go to Swindon to have spare parts made or repaired.

"The railway societies *come to us and tell us what* they want, and we tell them how much it will cost. We still have some men who have the *old skills needed to work on old locomotives*, but we do not do anything that is not profitable", Mr Roberts says. Recently he threw open the works to visiting steam enthusiasts, and *more than 30 preservation societies* were represented.

Yet, even with the servicing and repair activities and occasional work on steam locomotives, British Rail have had to look elsewhere for profitable contracts. The Transport Act which formed British Rail Engineering, the subsidiary company which controls the works, allowed it to undertake engineering jobs for private firms.

"We repair aircraft engines, and buses, among other things", Mr Roberts explained. "We have also built huge ships' hatches and hospital trolleys. At the moment I am tendering for an American contract to make cradles for oil tanks. We need these sidelines to keep the men employed".

The works still boasts its own apprentice school fo young trainee engineer and about 130 are attendin a full-time one-year cours Here again, the students ar not all British Ra employees. A handful ar sent by private firms reap the benefits of Sw don's engineering expert famed throughout the wor for more than a century.

The new Brunel shopping plaza in Swindon. When the last phase of the centre is *finished in 1977, it will be dominated by a tower block of offices and* flats. Right : Exeter Street in the town's railway village built by the Great Western Railway, now modernized by the council.

How the battle was won to attract industry and stave off a crisis

Diversification is a key word at Thamesdown, where once Swindon was a single-industry town with almost its entire workforce employed in railway engineering.

It took a mixture of hard work, good luck and a large amount of sheer inspiration to steer the town—which has become the hub of the new district—through what could have been a major crisis.

Soon after the Second World War, Swindon's civic fathers recognized the dangers of dependence on the railway which was to be run down, and launched themselves with enthusiasm into a campaign to attract alternative industry.

They were aided by the Town Development Act, passed in 1952 to ease congestion in the large conurbations. The legislation included an arrangement with the London County Council, *as it was then, to enable* firms in the metropolis to find new homes in the underdeveloped towns.

The first company to take advantage of the Act was Clover Leaf, a small business with 50 workers making table mats and kitchen accessories in a cramped factory under a set of railway arches in South London.

"We needed to move, partly because of the conditions and partly because the LCC considered our cellulose spraying operations were not desirable in a residential area", the firm's marketing director, Mr Raymond White, explained.

Clover Leaf examined half a dozen possible new homes, but decided on Swindon. "Although we realized we were the guinea pigs, we were not particularly nervous about moving there because *of the tremendous reception* we received.

"The council seemed the most go-ahead, forward-looking of them all and the town could offer us something there and then", Mr White said.

Clover Leaf moved into a factory on the 75-acre Cheney Manor estate in 1954, and have now expanded into three factories with 300 employees.

On the same trading estate are four sections of the Plessey organization. Plessey moved into Swindon during the Second World War to open a shadow *aircraft elec*trical components factory away from the main bombing targets in the Midlands.

In 1960 it took over Garrard Engineering, which was already operating there, and now the whole organization employs about 7,000 workers. Three thousand of these work in three Garrard factories producing two million record-players a year—about 80 per cent for export.

The other main industrial employer is British Leyland Motor Corporation's press and body works. It was born out of Pressed Steel, which moved into Swindon in 1958. "*Swindon was a natural* choice", Mr Alan Joiner, BLMC's press officer, said. "It is strategically placed for the main car centres of Birmingham, Coventry and Oxford. *It is an ideal spot geographically.*"

Bodies for MG sports cars and Triumph 2000s as well as panels for Morris Marinas and Austin Allegros are built at the plant, which employs 6,000.

Alongside *Plessey* on the Cheney Manor Estate is found Raychem, probably the world's largest producer of heat shrinkable plastics which are used for the insulation of power lines and pipes, *as well as aircraft* and car electrical components.

The firm moved from London in 1966, and has expanded rapidly in the past eight years. "We came with 18 key workers—and now have about 700", the firm's spokesman, Mr Arthur Thomson, said. At present Raychem occupies 200,000 sq ft of factory space, and is building another 120,000 sq ft on the Dorcan trading estate.

A look at the variety of businesses operating on the Dorcan estate confirms the rate at which Swindon has *attracted* new and diverse industry. Among the firms occupying space are Woolworth's distribution depot, a Post Office supplies depot and T. D. Williamson (UK), whose business is pipe works *installation.*

The differing activities on just one section of Thamesdown's growing industrial scene is a memorial to a former Swindon Town Clerk, Mr Murray John. "He was known as Mr Swindon, because he was the man who really set the town on the road to prosperity", explained Mr Gerald Blyth, the Thamesdown director of development and housing.

"If he heard a whisper that a London firm was thinking of moving, he went banging on their door immediately. It was a hard sell but it worked."

The arrival of the M4 motorway gave Swindon the opportunity it needed to change course from light industry into commerce, warehousing and distribution. Apart from the Post Office *and Woolworth's, a distri*bution warehouse is under construction for Hannimex (UK), manufacturers of photographic equipment, involving nearly 100 jobs.

Hambro *Life* Assurance *arrived in 1972,* impressed with Swindon's sales tactics and professional approach to the job. And last year Burm Oil removed its entire hea quarters from London to central 60 acres site at Sw don. Burmah employs mo than 800 staff, about half them recruited locally, a already plans are under w for fresh expansion.

Another international known firm, Roussel Labo tories, investigated 40 po sible centres before deci on Swindon. The m allowed Roussel to centra its production, administrati and research, which had be previously scattered about over London.

The list of companies whi have chosen Thamesdown the answer to their proble *is a long one*, and will doubt continue to gro Swindon's marriage wi Highworth RDC in Ap gave the new district a to of 10 industrial estates, a a total population of abo *140,000, over a quarter* the population of Wiltshir

In Swindon's last year a separate borough it create nearly 4,000 new jobs, an this pattern is intended continue to give an ultim *population of about 200,00*

Thamesdown's 10 industri estates are well and tr occupied by more *than* 10 different *companies*, b there is still a considerab amount of land waiting to b developed. But the attitud of the new council h altered to fit its prosperit Today it is no longer ham mering on every likely doo trying to offer a home to an footloose firm.

With such companies the Nationwide Buildin Society moving in at th moment, bringing with more than 250 jobs, Thame down has manoeuvred itse into the position of bein *able to accept* whoever ha the most to offer.

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Communities wait to gain an identity

by Patrick O'Leary

The village theme runs through Thamesdown's housing history. Most of the parishes which joined the new authority have centuries of quiet growth behind them, and some are still expanding.

When the Great Western Railway Company went to Swindon, they built the model cottages of the railway village now being imaginatively restored. Newcomers are channelled into urban villages, satellite communities in green field sites close to the town.

These are intended to accommodate about 6,000 people each, with a shopping centre and other services a small community needs. One such village, Eldene, to the east of Swindon, is almost complete, and the neighbouring one, Liden, is well advanced.

Attention is turning west. Planning permission has been granted for 2,000 houses at Toot Hill. Land is also being *acquired for three further* villages near by, providing homes for 25,000 people. Some will work at Spittleborough, a development site in the same area.

The urban village is an *attempt to get away from the* dreariness of traditional housing estates. Whether such developments will be distinguishable in 25 years' time from any other slice of suburbia will depend to some *extent on how the people* transferred there succeed in giving their village some form of identity.

Thamesdown employs a community development officer to help newcomers integrate into their neighbourhoods. "His role", an official said, "is to promote a caring community". So far, part of his time has been taken up explaining to those with racial problems that he is not a community relations officer, and to others that he does not dispense the county council social services.

Establishment of real local roots will probably be helped by the high proportion of home ownership. At the 1971 census, 59 per cent of the homes in Thamesdown territory were owner-occupied and only 30 per cent let to council tenants. Most of the rest were private rented homes or *caravans.*

The high rate of ownership is partly the result of deliberate policy. Mr G. Blythe, director of development and housing, said: "We assemble all the land, then we make *sure the types of houses pro*vided, including those on *sites sold* to private builders, do the job we are after."

In new estates about 40 per cent of the homes are built privately, and the re*mainder by the council.* But of these, the local authority keeps only seven out of 12 for renting, the other five being offered for sale to suitable applicants.

Home ownership should also *receive* encouragement from new regulations designed to make it easier for couples to receive a mortgage from Thamesdown Council. Mortgages can run for up to 35 years, and early repayments may be reduced *by taking a wife's income into* account, or starting on a low scale with correspondingly higher charges later.

Dwellings sold by the council are normally priced below *open market* value. But, if the purchaser sells within a certain time, he must first offer it back to the council.

At the other end of the housing problem, the council has joined with voluntary *bodies in setting up a housing* association. This intends to patch up old houses in areas scheduled for development and let them to needy families until the sites have to be cleared.

Home buyers may ponder the prices obtained in 18 when the Ecclesiastical Com missioners auctioned 26 sto and thatch cottages at Bisho stone, one of Thamesdown most attractive villages *Many made little more tha* £30. At the height of th property boom last yea some of the same cottage were on the market £30,000.

Thamesdown has begun t buy *properties on the open* market for letting to counci tenants. It has also bee approached by some privat developers to buy estate which are proving difficu to dispose of.

A council survey ha shown that more than 50 houses have been empty fo more than a year. Som owners have been asked they will sell to the corpor tion.

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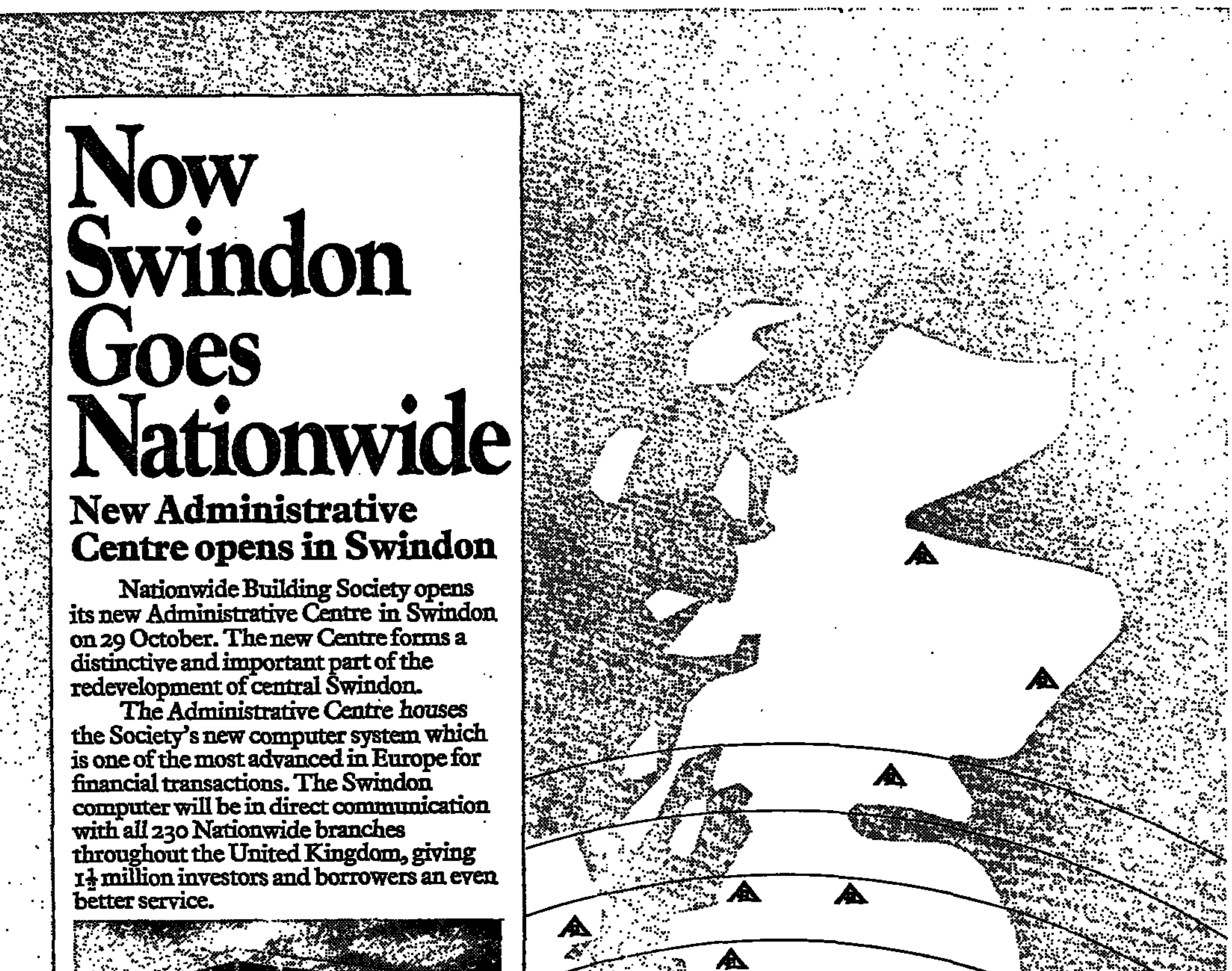

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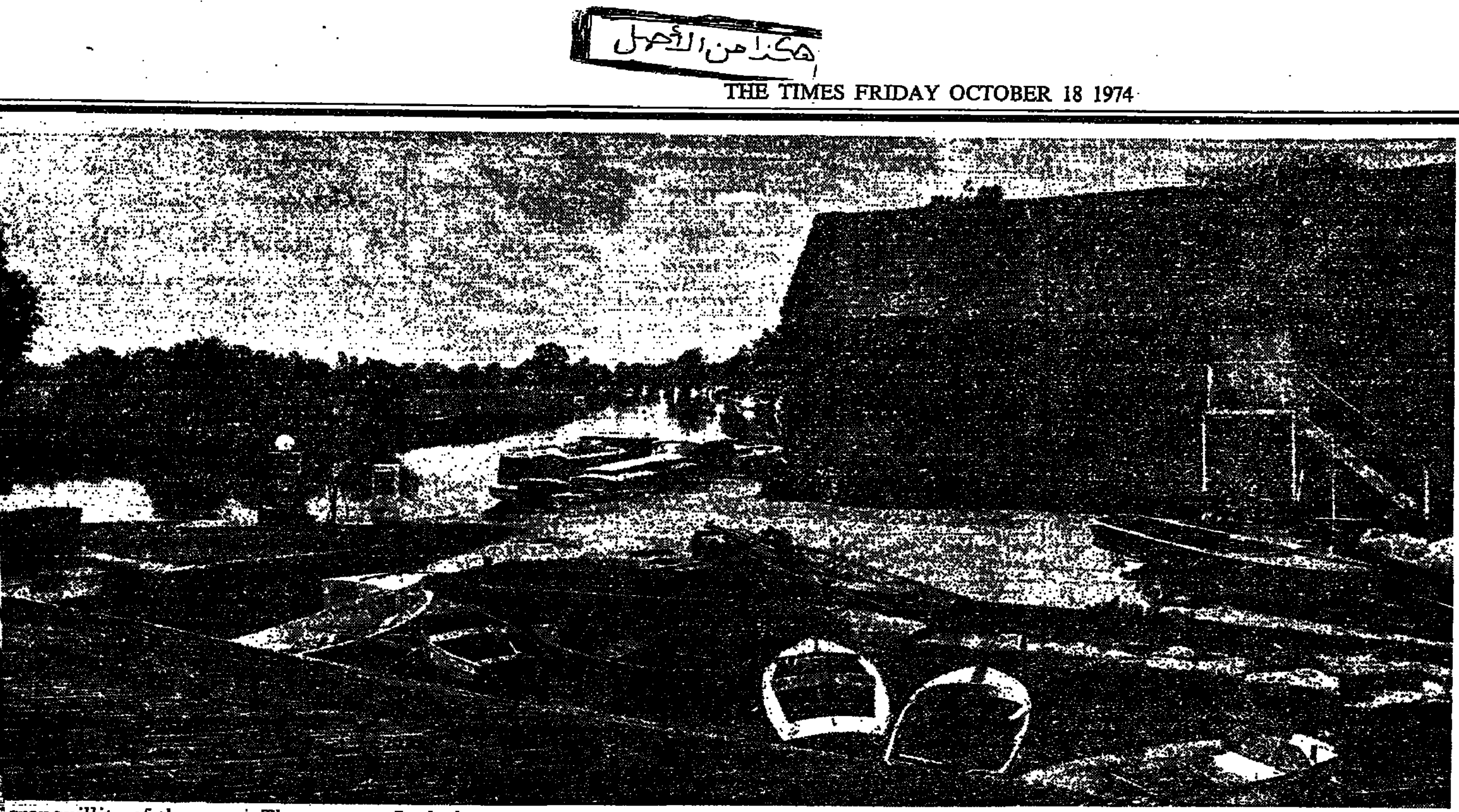

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Swindon Town Council eight years ago to bring the Railway Village up to present-day standards.

The original village was planned by Mathew Digby Wyatt, the architect responsible for Paddington station, and built by J. Rigby and Co of Westminster as an extension of its contract to build the railway works. It consisted of six parallel rows of neat cottages adjacent to the railway line and works. Most were simple one-up, one-down houses, with an outside lavatory and a back yard adjoining an alleyway between the rows.

At the end of each terrace stood a three-bedroom house where a foreman lived, and on one corner was a large four-bedroom house for the works manager. There was also a lodging house for the unmarried workers, many Welsh, who came to Swindon.

The whole village was built of Bath stone, excavated from the Box tunnel, so costs of materials were kept low. The dozen streets were named after the main railway stations on the GWR line—Bristol, Exeter, Taunton, Reading and so on.

The design of the village was elegant, and the 300 terraced cottages were noted for their gables and shapely chimneys. But the significant aspect of the village's planning was the addition of the larger houses for foremen and managers—a successful attempt to mix social classes in the same community.

Antagonism arose instead between the newcomers, the railway people, and the inhabitants of Swindon village who, it is said, put chains across the roads to separate the two communities. The antipathy is understandable: the railway workers were probably better off than any other working-class group at the time.

Pioneer of adult education

The GWR established in the railway village a number of enlightened welfare projects, some of them 100 years ahead of their time. It pioneered adult education with the Mechanics Institute, established in 1845. The institute provided evening classes in such subjects as mathematics, engineering, science and English for the male workers, and arithmetic, dictation and domestic subjects for their wives and daughters. It also included a reading room, lending library and a programme of debates, lectures, drama and other entertainment.

A school and a church, St Mark's, were also built with funds subscribed by shareholders of the GWR, and both were opened in 1845 Later swimming baths and a park were added. But it was the railway medical fund society, set up in 1847, which shows how far ahead the railway company was in its attitude to welfare inducements.

Within a few years the fund had built up a medical centre offering better facilities than could be found almost anywhere else at the time. For a few pence a week every railway worker and his family could have free treatment at the centre. The system survived so well that after the Second World War, Mr Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health of the time, studied it before the National Health Service was set up.

It was nationalization and the Beeching axe that helped to send the railway village towards what might have been its doom. The rows of terraces became decrepit and unsightly, and British Railways which had inherited it, decided that the village was no longer an economic proposition.

In 1966 all 300 houses were offered to Swindon Council, which bought them for £90,000. Councillors then debated what to do with the village, and there was a strong lobby in favour of demolition. But finally the council decided on a programme of renovation and modernization.

Piece of forward thinking

"It was an inspired decision" according to Mr Geoffrey Winter, the director of environmental services at Thamesdown, who took over an important role in the project soon after its inception. "Although the houses were in a state of disrepair, they were very little weathered compared with other properties built during the same period. But the sixties were a time when it was fashionable to demolish old buildings and replace them with modern housing estates. The decision to keep the village intact was a piece of forward thinking."

A pilot scheme involving 23 houses was launched in 1969, and the conversion, costing £1,800 for each house, was completed a year later. "Practically the whole interior of each house was gutted and refurbished, although we preserved the external character and appearance", Mr Winter said. "We completely rewired, and laid new floors. And we relaid and insulated the roofs. We also tidied up the back yards and outside buildings."

The council installed modern bathrooms and plumbing and a system of space heating. Cables and pipes for electricity, gas and water, as well as other services, were carried underground to avoid unsightliness.

So far 80 houses have been completely modernized, and a further 60 are due to be finished soon. The whole scheme is expected to cost about £1.5m but, as Mr Winter points out, it would have cost more like £3m to build 300 new council homes.

The financial benefits are, however, not the only ones. The new-style railway village has won Swindon two awards under the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors—*The Times* Conservation Award Scheme, as well as being highly commended under the Department of the Environment housing award scheme, which has listed it as of architectural and historical importance.

Thamesdown council receives a huge number of applications from people wanting to live in the village, but most of the residents are former railwaymen or their widows. They have become used to receiving visitors from all over the world, town planners, sociology students and historians among them.

But the people at the same time are sensitive about becoming a museum. "We try to avoid the word", Mr Winter said. "The railway village is not an anachronism at all. It is a faithful reproduction of an early way of life, a piece of Swindon history. But it is none the less a living community".

Picnics and other pleasures

Mr Denys Hodson, director of arts and recreation in Thamesdown, has responsibilities which cover rather more than cheering everyone up. His umbrella shelters a theatre, swimming baths, art gallery, and a picnic park, to name but a few. In the organizational changes his department has also acquired responsibility for a crematorium and for landscaping development sites.

Perhaps the most challenging undertaking at present is at Coate Water, on the south side of Swindon. This fine stretch of water was created 150 years ago as a reservoir to feed a canal running through *the* town.

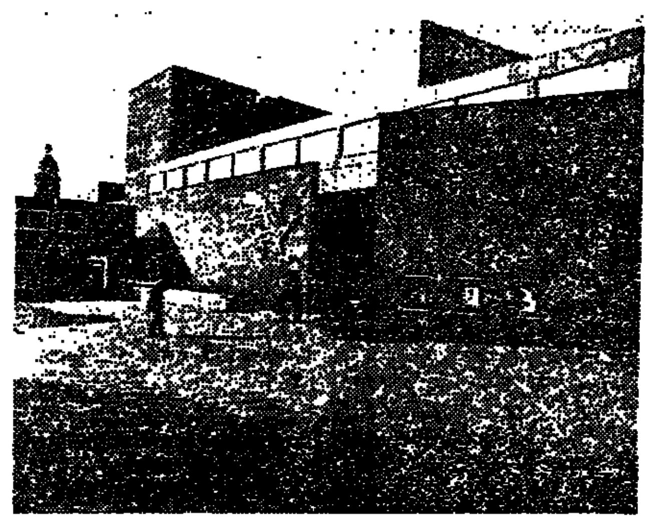
The canal linked the Avon to the Thames, and Bristol traders used it as a short cut to London. But the railway came, the canal was finally filled in, and Coate Water became a haven for rare birds and anglers.

Now the area is being developed for boating, children's playgrounds, and other entertainments. By 1976 there will also be an 18-hole golf course at Broome Manor, a development adjoining Coate Water. Most of the cost will be met by the sale of land for high quality houses round the golf course and for offices.

But it is hoped that the greater part of the lake will remain an area of peaceful beauty. This may appease the shade of Richard Jefferies, a Swindon author, who drew inspiration from wandering round Coate Water. His birthplace, now containing a museum, is in sight of it.

On the northern side of Swindon a £3m leisure centre should be completed late next year. Its indoor halls provide most of the standard sports, and a swimming pool will have artificial waves and be surrounded by palm trees. Outside there will be a closed circuit cycling track for juniors who are not allowed to race on public roads.

On the cultural side, the Wyvern Theatre in the centre of Swindon celebrated its third birthday this year. In the early days there was some criticism that its offerings were a little high-flown, perhaps inspired by its name, a mythical beast allied to the dragon and griffin, once the emblem of the kings of Wessex. This winter the programme appears well balanced, with an Agatha Christie thriller, *Hair*, a special film season, and orchestral concerts among the items.



The Wyvern Theatre and precinct, Swindon. The town hall clock is on the left.

Some of the shows are presented by local amateur companies, who also have the use of an arts centre in old Swindon. In addition to a hall, this has meeting rooms used by various clubs.

Swindon's art gallery opened in 1964, and its pictures are as modern as the building. Among them are a vivid David Bomberg of a Palestinian landscape, works by John Piper and John Nash, and an unusual Lowry with more buildings than people. I thought Marc Gertler's "Girl in a Feather Hat" was gazing a little disdainfully at some of the more eccentric works on show.

The Technocentre, near the Wyvern Theatre, is an interesting attempt to combine the functions of an information centre with making the machine age intelligible to the average man and woman. A recent exhibition there by Highworth Artists Society made the best of both worlds rather neatly.

It was a display of paintings, photographs, tools, materials and products relating to the countryside. The society called it "an attempt to pay our respects to the earth and to the many generations of our ancestors who by their labour, ingenuity and creativity founded the stable society from which grew the present age of technology which gives many people the leisure time to indulge in activities other than earning a living".

The central plaza of the Brunel shopping centre, which is covered by a transparent dome, will be used for informal entertainment. It is likely to be the setting for some of the happenings envisaged by Thamesdown's arts officer, Mr T. Court. Shoppers may find themselves walking past buskers and pavement artists, as well as staider carol singers at Christmas.

For those who prefer a quiet time, Thamesdown has a variety of parks. One in central Swindon was formed from the remains of an old stone quarry. Unusually for a town park, picnicking is encouraged. Open-air meals are also popular at the 20-acre stretch of land beside the Thames at Inglesham, much used by anglers and boaters.

Lydiard Park is outside the authority's borders, but was bought by Swindon Council in 1943. Although a management centre has been established there, the park and part of the mansion are open to the public. The church near by has some astonishing Cavalier memorials which evidently escaped the attention of the Roundheads who attacked Highworth parish church, not many miles away, in the Civil War.

But perhaps the most refreshing spot to visit is the Lawn in old Swindon. This natural park was the home of the Goddard family, who also built much of the original town. Now their mansion has gone, and most of the former parish church of the Holy Rood, but the trees and turf and the fine view remain.

Swindon's soccer club, trying to win promotion from Division Three, have seen much better days. But one of their giants of the past is remembered in Fleming Way, a new road leading to the ground.

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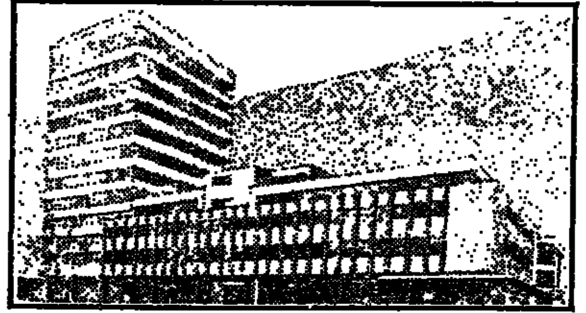

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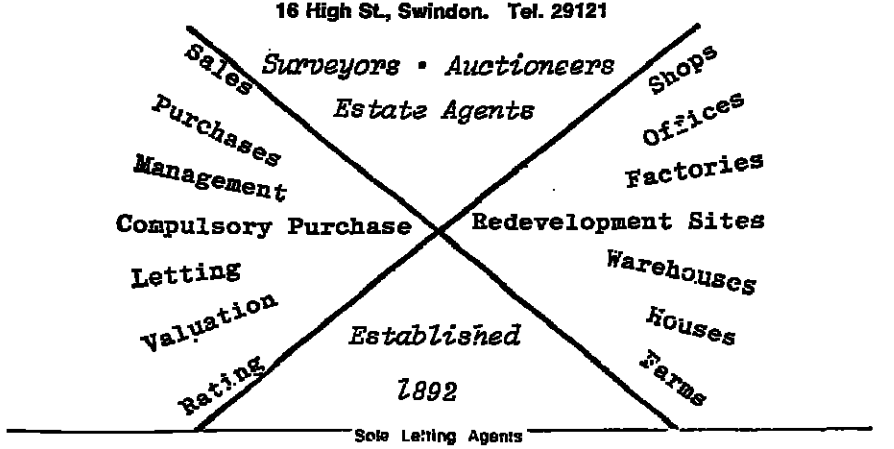

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BBC 2

6.40-7.05 am, Open University* : Human Behaviour. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.25, Open University* : Urban Education. 5.50, The Man-made World. 6.15, Maths-Topology. 6.40, Poets on Poetry: Marvin Cohen, Patrick Garland.* 7.05, Open University*: Atoms and Molecules.
7.30 Newsday.
7.45 Gardeners' World.
8.15 Money Programme: The State of the Nation.
9.00 M*A*S*H.
9.25 Film, Fanfan la Tulipe (1951), with Gerard Philipe, Gina Lollobrigida.*
11.00 In Vision.
11.30 News.
12.00-12.05 am, Gary Watson reads Fables Bullfinch Forgot, part 1, Chloe and the Roue, by Ogden Nash.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Dodo. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, Granada reports. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada reports. 6.30, Sale of the Century. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Billy Liar. 8.30, London. 10.30, Kick Off. 11.00, Film: A Nice Girl like Me, with Barbara Ferris, Harry Andrews. 12.40-1.15 am, Douglas Fairbanks presents.*

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Lassie. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Barnaby Jones. 8.30, London. 10.30, Border Parliamentary Report. 11.00, Film: Die, Monster, Die, with Boris Karloff, Nick Adams. 12.30 am, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.08, Grampian Week. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Dusty's Trail. 7.30, ATV. 8.30, London. 10.30, Points North. 11.15, The Streets of San Francisco. 12.10 am, Prayers.

Anglia

12.00 pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, About Women. 2.50, Thames. 4.25, Romper Room. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Jensen Code. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, Griff. 8.30, London. 10.33, Probe. 11.00, McCloud. 12.25 am, Christians in Action.

Yorkshire

12.05 pm, Thames. 1.20, Calendar News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 7.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.30, London. 10.30, Sport. 11.00-12.40 am, Film: Dracula Has Risen from the Grave, with Christopher Lee.

Thames

12.00, Hickory House. 12.15 pm, Alister in Songland. 12.30, Kreskin. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Crown Court. 2.00, General Hospital. 2.30, Good Afternoon. 2.50, Racing from Newmarket. 4.15, Cartoon. 4.20, The Jensen Code. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Geordie scene.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.

LONDON WEEKEND
7.00 pm, Sale of the Century.
7.30 Hawaii Five-O.
8.30 No, Honestly.
9.00 Intimate Strangers.
10.00 News.
10.30 Police Five.
10.40 Russell Harty with Angela Baddeley, Margaret Powell, Spike Milligan, Rod Stewart.
11.25 Film, Frankenstein Must Be Destroyed (1969), with Peter Cushing, Veronica Carlson, Simon Ward, Maxine Audley, Freddie Jones.
1.10 am, When in Rome.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 2.30 pm, Housecall. 2.50, Thames. 5.20, Calimero. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, '45. 7.00, Billy Liar. 7.30, Barnaby Jones. 8.30, London. 10.30, Scotland Friday. 11.15, Late Call. 11.25-12.15 am, The Avengers.

Radio

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5.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.00 pm, David Hamilton. 5.00, Rosko's Round Table. 7.02, Punch Line. 7.30, Sing Something Simple.† 8.02, Frank Chacksfield.† 9.02, Music Night. 10.00, Rock-speak.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Night Ride.† 2.00, News.
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6.00 am, Radio 1 7.02, Terry Wogan. (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 1.45 pm, Ricochet.† 2.02, Tony Brandon.† 4.15, Waggoners' Walk. 4.30, Sandi Jones.† 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Radio 1. 10.02, John Dunn. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Corelli, Tartini, Boccherini.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Chausson, Prokofiev, Fauré.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Beethoven in 1800.† 9.50 Flute and Piano: Messiaen, Clermont Pepin, Harry Somers, Prokofiev.† 10.30, The Part-song Repertory.† 11.00, Song of the Sepik: music from Papua New Guinea. 11.30, Music-making from Bristol. 12.20 pm, Concert, part 1: Handel, Ibert.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, Concert, part 2: Elgar.† 2.00, Concert Club.† 3.05, Songs with Guitar: Weber, arr Seiber, Britten.† 3.45, New Records: Verdi, Stravinsky.† 4.35, Words: Ronald Fletcher. 4.50, Scottish Piano Music: John Bevan-Baker, William Wordsworth, Frank Spedding.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound continued. 6.30, Tal como es. 7.00, It's Catching.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Sinbad Junior. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Elephant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Billy Liar. 7.30, Kung Fu. 8.30, London. 10.30, Film: Corridors of Blood, with Boris Karloff, Betta St John, Christopher Lee.* 12.10 am, Father Paschal.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.30, Women Only. 2.50, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day/Scene South East. 6.30, Out of Town. 7.00, ATV. 7.30, Shaft. 8.55, Weekend. 9.00, London. 10.30, Southern Report. 11.00, Southern News. 11.10, Griff. 12.05 am, Hole Lot of Trouble. 12.35, Weather. Guideline.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.23 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.25, Police Six. 6.35, ATV. 7.30, Barnaby Jones. 8.30, London. 10.30-12.10 am, Film, My Blood Runs Cold, with Troy Donahue, Joey Heatherton.

7.30, Havergal Brian Premiere: Mozart, Bach, Brian.† 9.00, Henryk Szeryng and Michael Isador (violin and piano).† 10.00, Music Now. 10.45, Handel: Chandos Anthems.† 11.55-12.00, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Travel News. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.25, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.25, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, A Gun for Sale. 9.00, News. 9.05, Voice of the People: 021 432 5930. 10.00, News. 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Adrift in the Pacific, dramatized documentary. 11.50, Patrick Campbell talking. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Petticoat Line. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play, The Seasons of the Blind. 4.00, News. 4.05, Any Answers? 4.35, Story Time, A Raft of Swords. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Top of the Form. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, Pick of the Week. 8.30, Any Questions? 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime, The Constant Nymph. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Week Ending . . . 11.40, News. 12.01-12.04 am, Inshore Forecast.

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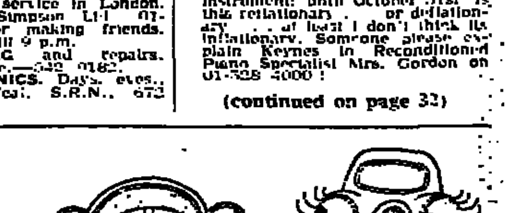

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BEATSON.—On Oct. 14th, 1974, peacefully, Claude Gordon Beatson, of Canterbury Cottage, Chardstock, Devon, dear husband of Olive and father of Robin. Cremation took place privately on Thursday. No letters, please.

BOWYER.—On Oct. 16th, 1974, Ernest Henry Bowyer, aged 65, beloved father of Evelyn and Kathleen. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Wed., Oct. 23rd at 11.15 a.m. No flowers, please, but donations, if desired, to the Secretary, Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

CHARLTON.—On October 15, 1974, suddenly, at his residence, Fernbanks, 25 Central Avenue, Leicester, Robert Studholme Charlton, the husband of Elizabeth Hazel (née Neal) and father of Marie. Funeral service at St. John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park, Leicester, on Tuesday, October 22, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. All flowers and inquiries to Ginns and Gutteridge Ltd., Funeral Directors, St. Nicholas House, Vaughan Way, Leicester. Tel.: 56117.

CORNER.—On 15th October, suddenly, at Obuasi, Ghana, Ian Douglas Bruce, devoted husband of Unice and father of Jacqueline, Penelope, John and Katrina. General manager of Ashanti Goldfields. Funeral at Obuasi, 19th October.

DEATHS

CRAGG.—On 16th October, 1974, peacefully, at 5 Appleton Rd., Cumnor, Oxford, The Rev Frank Seymour Cragg, beloved husband of Edith. Funeral at Cumnor Church, on Monday, 21st October, 11.30 a.m.

GARNSEY.—On October 15, 1974, suddenly, Hilda Emily, of 5 Sunningfields Road, N.W.4, widow of Louis and darling mother of Gay, mother-in-law of Dick Rubinstein and greatly loved grandmother of Jamie and Simon. Thanksgiving service at the Parish Church of Hendon St. Mary, Greyhound Hill, 3 p.m., Wednesday, October 23. Donations to Royal College of Surgeons of England, London, W.C.2, will be greatly appreciated.

GOULANDRIS (George Peter).—On October 16th, after a long illness bravely borne, at Lausanne, Switzerland, aged 65 years. The funeral will take place in Andros, Greece, early next week.

GROVES.—Suddenly, at 25 Caresbrooke House, Courtlands, Richmond, Surrey, on Wednesday, October 16, Charles Thomas Harington, husband of the late Edith Annie Groves and dear father of Joan and Michael. Arrangements by T. H. Sanders & Sons Ltd., 28 and 30 Kew Road, Richmond. Funeral private.

HARMAN.—On 16th Oct., in a Woking Nursing Home, Nora Wheeley, aged 91, daughter of the late James Ambrose Harman, lately of 2 Fairfield Rd., East Croydon, much loved sister, aunt and great aunt.

HUMPHRY-BAKER.—On Wednesday, 16th October, at Putney Hospital, Dorothy Isabel, widow of Percy Neville and beloved mother of Peter and John. Cremation and service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey, at 12.30 p.m., Wednesday, 23rd October. Cut flowers only to F. W. Paine, 108 High St., Esher. Telephone Esher 64021.

HUTCHISON.—Major James L. Hutchison, M.C. (Q.W.C.S.R.) on Thursday, 17th October, 1974, peacefully, at his daughter's *home*, Goring Farm House, Goring-on-Thames. Loving husband, father and grandpa. Funeral at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham, 3 p.m., Wednesday, 23rd October. No flowers, by his request.

KEEN-HARGREAVES.—On October 15th, Jack, beloved husband of Megan and brother of Josephine and Pearl.

KYDD.—On October 17th, peacefully, at The Lodge, Wateringbury, Kent, Grace Gardner, aged 87 years, wife of the late J. C. Kydd, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, and dearly loved mother of Sarah and Ronald. Funeral service at Wateringbury Church on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Cremation private. Flowers may be sent to Pickard & Beale Ltd. (Funeral Directors), Maidstone.

LEWIS.—On Wednesday, October 16th, at Holcombe Rectory, Dundee Lane, Ramsbottom, Bury, Rev. Canon Cecil William Lewis, M.A., the dear husband of Marion Lewis. Funeral service at Holcombe Church on Monday, October 21st, at 1 p.m., followed by Cremation at Overdale Bolton, at 2.15 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Mr. A. J. Cooper, St. Anne's Hospice, Room 27, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH.

LYMBERY.—On October 16th, 1974, after a short illness, Frank Lymbery, aged 76 years, beloved husband of Wendy, father of Peter and grandfather of Marcia and Michael. Funeral at Beckenham Crematorium, Elmers End, on Thursday, October 24th, at 12 noon. Enquiries to H. Copeland & Son, 9 Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent. 01-650 2295.

McCLURE.—On 17 October, at home, Doris Elizabeth Copeman, widow of Judge George McClure and beloved mother of Charles and Billie, aged 84. Funeral, West Clandon Church, 12 noon, Monday, 21st. Family flowers only, but donations to Treloar Cripples College, Alton, Hants.

McENTEE, NORA RUTH WALDING, on the 16th Oct., loving widow of Charlie, beloved mother of Patricia, Caroline and John and dear sister of Vera and Lars, died quietly at home on Wednesday in the company of her family and good friends. Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, SW19, at 11 o'clock on Mon. Oct 21. No flowers, but donations to cancer research, please.

OLDER.—On October 15th, peacefully, in a nursing home, John Arthur Older, O.B.E., beloved husband of Helen and father of Alan. Service at Croydon Crematorium, on Monday, October 21st, at 11.45 a.m. Enquiries to Trueloves, Sutton.

PONSFORD.—On Thursday, October 17th, 1974, peacefully at her home, 2 Edward Rd., Bromley, Kent, Edith Cecilia in her 91st year, widow of Arthur Cuthbertson Ponsford, dearly loved mother of Arthur, Muriel and Audrey and a beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 24th, at Christchurch, Highland Rd., Bromley, followed by interment at Bromley Hill Cemetery. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to Bethnal Green Medical Mission, London, E2 9LG. "My times are in Thy hand."

RAWSON-SHAW. Thomas.—On October 16th, peacefully, at Casal Das Pinheiras, Boiica, Loures, Portugal, aged 78. Beloved husband of Christian.

RAYNOR.—On October 14, 1974, at home, Kathleen Alice, of 14 Russell Court, London, W.C.1. Cremation at 12.15 p.m., on Wednesday, October 23, at Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers, by request.

ROBERTS.—On October 16th, 1974, *peacefully at home after a long illness* Rae, much loved wife of Gray and mother of Susan, Richard and Linda. Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Woldingham on Monday, October 21st at 2.45 p.m., followed by private cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth. Flowers may be sent to J. B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George St., Croydon.

THORPE.—On October 15th, 1974, Ernest Michael Thorpe, Commander Royal Navy, D.S.O. Beloved husband of Joan and father of Stuart, Jennifer, John and Mark. Requiem Mass St Joseph's Church, Havant, Friday, October 18th, at 3.00 p.m., followed by cremation.

WILSON.—On October 16th, 1974, *peacefully, at home*, Flat 12, Pine Beach Court, Beach Road, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset, Clara Wilson, widow of Tim, mother of Cynthia, Max and Jo, grandmother of John and Gail, Natasha, Nicholas and Alex. Funeral service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 10.45 am. Family flowers only, please.

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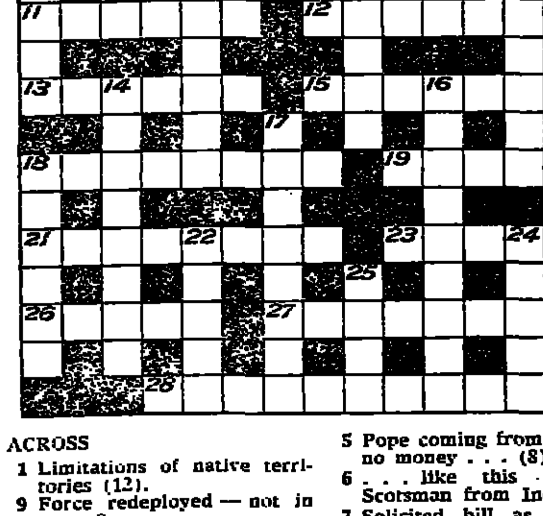


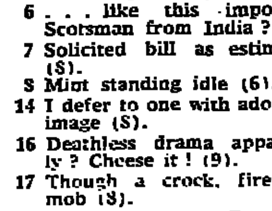
ACROSS

1 Limitations of native territories (12).
9 Force redeployed — not in cars (9).
10 Francis successfully brought home (5).
11 "Teach the —— moralist to die" (Gray) (6).
12 Blackleg with debts makes a bloomer (8).
13 Twist Commonwealth leader? (6).
15 Spirited article appearing before I married (8).
18 Weapon of an angry oarsman (8).
19 Learned man's word-play, said to be in French (6).
21 Brother is made speechless (8).
23 Textile dealer having his own company (6).
25 Poor lad, that is perfect (5).
27 Priest in trouble in river shows special skill (9).
28 Mattress factory in garden? (7, 5).

DOWN

1 Economist was quite a character in Rio (7).
2 Toneless Rock at the seaside (5).
3 Tradesmen to restore status quo after dockers' strikes? (9).
4 Architect of our time—the morning after! (4).
5 Pope coming from pub with no money . . . (8).
6 . . . like this important Scotsman from India? (5).
7 Solicited bill as estimated (8).
8 Mint standing idle (6).
14 I defer to one with adorable image (8).
16 Deathless drama apparently? Cheese it! (9).
17 Though a crock, fires on mob (8).
18 Willow-pattern flower—related to Siamese? (6).
20 Hill split by violent waterfall (7).
22 Up, up, London School of Economics! Beat it! (5).
24 Country version of cockney mate (5).
25 University hails writer (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,818



FUNERALS

FRENCH.—The Funeral service for the late Arthur Cecil French will take place at Stapleford Parish Church on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers, by request.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GREENWOOD.—There will be a memorial service for the late John R. C. Greenwood, at 2.30 p.m. in Breamore Church, on Saturday, 26th October. All those who would like to come are welcome.

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